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County's hospitals way ahead of the game, community hears

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Town finds water tower savings

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Minden Hills township has managed to make up \$250,000 of its \$1 million shortfall on the water tower project.

A memo from environmental and property operations manager Peter Brown that councillors reviewed at their June 24 meeting revealed that township staff had met with representatives from consulting firm DM Wills and Landmark Construction, the company that will be building the tower, and the talks had proved effective.

"After much discussion and review of the project, staff were able to provide the township of Minden

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Chad Ingram Times staff

Glen Carter conducts the Highlands Wind Symphony for the first concert of the summer in the Music by the Gull series. The series runs every Friday at 7 p.m. at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street. More photos on 4.



New exhibit

Show examines the man behind the famous Flanders Fields poem

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Gullfest cancelled for low water levels

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Gullfest 2010 has been cancelled. White Water Ontario announced last week that it was cancelling the annual kayaking event, held at the Minden Wild Water Preserve, due to low water levels on the Gull River.

"This has been one of the dri-

est springs on record due to lack of snow," said John Slot, director of the preserve. "We waited to the last minute to reach our decision to cancel as a considerable amount of pre-planning goes into such an event."

While Slot said the river at the preserve is still passable at low levels - something he called "bump and grind" - he said trying to run

the event with water levels this low did present "a different degree of risk and challenge."

The event was scheduled to run on July 3 and 4.

Gullfest typically sees anywhere from 100 to 300 participants and includes paddling events such as flips, acrobatics and surfing, boat-

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Times they are a changing

This week you'll notice that the *Minden Times* looks a little different than usual. The font style has changed; we've implemented new design elements such as section labels and teaser boxes on the front page.

These elements came about after readers were asked their opinions of what designs they found most attractive in an online survey conducted in the fall.

The new look reflects a more modern approach to the weekly newspaper that should improve readers' ability to navigate through the pages making it easier to find desired information.

As with any change it takes some time to adjust, but readers will be happy to know that the *Times's* content will remain as strong, creative and informative as it has always been.

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SOLD

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\$618,000 of marijuana confiscated

OPP officers from the drug unit seized 618 large marijuana plants and a small quantity of the processed drug on June 21 on Bacon Road in Minden Hills.

Hydro was disconnected from the residences where about \$618,000-worth of marijuana was confiscated from what the OPP is calling a "sophisticated indoor marijuana grow operation."

The Ontario Fire Marshall attended and will be investigating whether the fire code was violated.

A 46-year-old man was charged with production of cannabis marijuana, possession of marijuana and driving while disqualified.

Boater charged with drinking and driving

Police charged the operator of a boat with having more

than 80 mgs of alcohol in his blood June 18 on Canning Lake in Minden Hills.

The 41-year-old man from Etobicoke, who was fishing at the time, has been charged and will be appearing in Minden court in August.

Man charged with drunk driving

Police caught a 49-year-old Haliburton man with drunk driving during a routine traffic stop on Highway 35 at Red Umbrella Road June 22.

The man has been charged with impaired driving, drive over 80 mgs, possession of cannabis marijuana and driving under suspension.

Make it Minden Tuesday night

The Promoters Group is a spin off of the Sesquicentennial Group in Minden. Our goal is to promote everything that is already happening in Minden Hills and add some fun and entertaining new events.

The Promoters Group is hosting or inviting other organizations to host an event every Tuesday evening in July and August in the downtown to bring people to town from 6 p.m.

until dusk. Here is the line up for this summer.

July 6: kick off by the merchants will have activities at the River Cone with the Lions Club co-hosting. There will be a dance at the end of Orde Street beside the Minden River Cone with a DJ to dance to. Corn on the cob on the barbecue, great food and other activities - fun for the whole family.

July 13: The Minden fire department will display their fire trucks and equipment that they use in the municipal parking lot.

July 20: the Community Church is hosting a street dance and pie sale with live music.

July 27: the Rotary Club is hosting the evening in the municipal parking lot with the carnival starting at 5 p.m.

Aug. 3: is our second annual Float Your Hull Down The Gull. Meet at Rotary Park at 6 p.m. to register and float down the river with your family and friends.

Aug. 10: the second annual car show will return to the main street.

Aug. 17: the Cultural Centre is hosting the evening with their Ghost Walk. Meet at the River Cone at 7 p.m. for a stroll and story.

Aug. 24: Mark of Crowne Gallery is hosting the Tea House of August Moon.

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Health services 'the best' in the region

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services runs the most effective health facilities in this region of the province.

That was the message from Ajay Thusoo of Ontario's Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) as he spoke to attendees at HHHS's annual general meeting at the organization's Minden facility on June 24.

"To sum it up, Haliburton [Highlands Health Services] is doing the best of all of our hospitals," Thusoo told the crowd, explaining that facilities are evaluated based on a host of criteria.

LHINs were formed by the provincial government in 2006 as a way of taking a regional approach to health-care issues and the Central East LHIN contains facilities in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County and parts of Durham Region.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush said he isn't shy about how proud he is of his organization when he attends LHIN meetings.

"I tell everybody, 'We're better than you,'" Rosebush said. "We do everything and you guys don't."

He was referring to the fact that HHHS offers integrated health services, including primary, hospital and long-term care.

Rosebush said that 2009/2010 had been a busy year for the organization.

"Last year we planned and we planned some more," he said.

The organization drew up a new strategic plan, which is mandated by the province every three years, as well as a financial plan and a number of departmental plans.

Rosebush said that HHHS was also ahead of the curve when it came to green technology, noting that the organization is already in the process of outfitting its facilities with geothermal heating systems.

Hopefully, the organization will continue its transition from an "illness model" to "wellness model," Rosebush said, adding that integrating the advocacy of healthy lifestyles and taking a preventative approach to medicine is important.

He said that palliative care is an area where the organization would like to expand.

Accountant John West went over the books, reviewing his auditor's report for the 2009/2010 year.

"There are good systems of internal control in place," West said of the way HHHS conducts itself financially.

Last year, HHHS had nearly \$20 million in revenue, with almost \$16 million, or 80 per cent, coming directly from the health ministry.

The largest chunk of this funding, or about \$11.5 million, went to salaries, wages and benefits, West said.

He said overall for the year, expenses had exceeded revenues slightly, but said HHHS has a working surplus of more than \$2 million.

The organization also brings in money through residents' fees at Hyland Crest and Highland Wood (about \$1.5 million a year, combined) and gets a funding boost from the fundraising efforts of the HHHS Foundation and the Haliburton and Minden auxiliaries.

Dale Walker, executive director of the foundation, said in her speech that the foundation had had another successful year of fundraising.



Chad Ingram Times staff

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush speaks to the crowd at the organization's annual general meeting in Minden last week.

"We tend to think we are the fun people," Walker said. "We like to put a D at the end of fun, though."

Walker said that since its creation in 1998, the foundation has raised \$8.2 million.

With the installation of ceiling lifts at both facilities last year, Walker said it's the first time in its history the foundation hasn't had a major projects to raise funds for. Rather, she said monies raised will go into a reserve fund that HHHS can draw on when it needs new equipment.

"We know that some of the equipment is older," she said.

Head of the Minden auxiliary, Chris Wilde, and Judy Skinner of the Haliburton auxiliary also made short presentations.

The Minden auxiliary will celebrate its 10th anniversary this fall and has raised nearly \$200,000 in that time.

"Minden is a small town . . . but it has a big heart," Wilde said.

The Haliburton auxiliary, meanwhile, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and Skinner said she expects it will hit \$1 million in funds raised.

A number of outgoing directors from the HHHS board were recognized including Leslie Brown, Michelle Baily, Duff Mitchell, Carolyn Plummer, Terry Hicks and nine-year member and two-year chair Marg Risk.

Rosebush praised Risk, who served as the director of the College of Nurses of Ontario for 17 years and was awarded the Order of Ontario, for expertise in health policy and her thoughtful and diligent work over the years.

New directors Marnie Falkiner, Peter Franzen, Jeffrey Gollob, Bram Lebo, High Nichol and Charles Simon were named to the board.

Other speakers at the meeting included chief of staff Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Mark Skinner, a professor and health geographer at Trent University who spoke to attendees about the social determinants of health and the challenges surround rural health care



Chad Ingram Times staff

Marg Risk, who served on the HHHS board of directors for nine years and spent the last two as chair, stepped down from her post at the meeting.

Minden summer concert series in swing



Trumpeters with the symphony blast it out during a performance that included renditions of symphonic and popular music.

The Highlands Wind Symphony kicked off this year's season Music by the Gull concert series on June 25. Each Friday evening from dawn until dusk, a different musical act will perform on Water Street, a portion of which is closed off for the performances. In its 17th season, the series is sponsored by the Minden Lions Club./ Photos by Chad Ingram



More than 30 members of the symphony played in the first show of the concert series for the season.



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Earthquake experiences vary amongst residents

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It was a typical Wednesday afternoon.

Sue Yallop, owner of That Place in Carnarvon, was meeting with one of her food suppliers at her restaurant at about 1:45 p.m. on June 23 when the building began to move.

"Literally, I said, 'What the hell was that?'" Yallop recalled.

She said glasses and pitchers of water began sloshing and that her cooking staff said the plates in the kitchen were rattling.

"It was like the whole building was shaking," she said, adding that the tremor seemed to last for 20 or 30 seconds.

What Yallop and thousands of others throughout Haliburton County, Ontario, Quebec and the northeastern seaboard of the United States felt that afternoon turned out to be an earthquake, one with an epicentre 60 kilometres north of the Ontario-Quebec border that hit five on the Richter scale.

Yallop, who has been cottaging in the county all her life and has lived here full-time for the past seven years, said she remembered feeling a small earthquake back in the summer of 2003, but said it was "itty bitty" compared to what she felt last week.

While Yallop's restaurant was rattling away, at the municipal office in Minden Hills, assistant clerk Laura Cunliffe was sitting in a meeting when she said she was struck by a

strange sensation.

"We were just sitting here and the whole building felt like it was sitting on jelly," Cunliffe said. "The whole building did."

Cunliffe said the ceiling began to make a loud creaking sound and at that point she and most of the other municipal staff hastily exited the building.

She said she'd never experienced an earthquake before and while she had been informed that the shaking lasted just a matter of seconds, it felt like minutes to her.

Over at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, staff and students were just getting ready to head into the gym for a talent show when the earthquake struck.

Principal Joan Harpell said while she had felt it in her office, she didn't think many of the students or staff who had been milling around in the halls had.

"Nobody I talked to had felt it out there," Harpell said. "As a caution, we kept the students out of the gym. We don't deal with a lot of earthquakes."

Harpell said she'd heard a creak in the ceiling of her office and had thought maybe there was work being done on the roof until she felt the ground move.

While they are not often felt, a CTV meteorologist reported last week that it is common for some 450 earthquakes to happen in Canada in a year. Most are simply too small, or occur in locations too remote, for humans to notice. The most common places for them to occur are the three territories, British Columbia and the St. Lawrence valley.

Snowmobile association gets new trail

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Snowmobile riders will have another access point to Minden after a decision by Minden Hills council last week.

At their June 24 meeting, councillors had a visit from Andy Chvedukas, trails coordinator for the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, who requested that the association be able to use a road allowance north of the village of Minden as snowmobile trail.

The 10-metre-wide corridor would run on municipal lands in the area of the Minden cemetery, the Minden fairgrounds and Beaverbrook golf course for about five kilometres.

"It's a safe route, it's a dry route," Chvedukas told councillors. "It gives Minden another access point."

Chvedukas said the association would also be willing to consider options for bridging the Gull River where the allowance meets the body of water.

Chvedukas said Minden had seen an increase in snowmobile traffic last season as a result of the floating bridge installed by the association and the township.

"Floating bridges are a destination point within the snowmobiling world," he said.

Council approved the use of the road allowance so long as the association gated the corridor during the off-season.



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our editorial

Nothing harmonious about HST

SO, happy Canada Day, folks. This year, Ontarians are getting a very special gift to celebrate our country's 143rd birthday from Premier Dalton McGuinty and his government, that of course being the giant middle finger that is the harmonized sales tax. HST.

Let's call it Horrible Stupid Tax, or Holy S*** Tax, as in, "Holy s***, why are you doing this to us?"

The new tax, effective July 1, will add eight per cent provincial sales tax to items that were never subject to PST before.

This includes everything from having an electrician visit your home to hotel rooms to taxi fares to gasoline.

Gasoline. That's a pretty potent one, especially for us rural folks who often have to drive long distances to get to wherever it is we're going.

There are also larger items such as funerals and home inspections that will also cost more under the new tax.

The point is, dear readers, a few extra bucks here and few extra bucks there is going to add up.

It's going to add up to hundreds of dollars in increased expenses for each one of us each year.

Of course, the government is try-

ing to justify this gigantic cash grab (it will mean hundreds of millions of dollars a year in extra revenue) by saying that the new tax will eliminate "hidden taxes" – PST added at each

stage of the manufacturing process and embedded in the cost – and that those savings will be passed on to consumers.

Well, ignorance truly is bliss then, because before the HST raised its head, I wasn't aware of these "hidden taxes" and so they really didn't bother

me.

What does bother me is being asked to look at the shiny thing – the few hundred dollars in cheques each of us will be receiving from the government to help with the transition – while a hose is shoved into my back that sucks out extra cash in perpetuity.

One thing for certain is that the HST is going to cost us far more than this so-called "hidden taxes" did before.

And most middle-class families are in that paycheque-to-paycheque situation where they simply can't afford to dole out any more money.

There is nothing harmonious about the HST.

In fact, it's plain out of tune.



Chad Ingram
Reporter



Garden gnome

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

letters to the editor

End of the runway issue not near

To the Editor,

The title of last week's lead article "Airport runway to be constructed by October" is misleading and should have read "Reeve pushes to construct runway by October." The public should be aware that the federal government has not completed the public consultation review period for the airport expansion project and therefore cannot sign off on the screening report. Despite the township's consultant's assurances that the screening report will be completed soon this is, fortunately for the public, beyond the reeve's and their consultant's control.

The public's opportunity to review and comment on the draft screening report has been extended another two weeks until July 9. This extension is the direct result of the public's concern that the initial 14 day public review period was too short, normally public review periods are 30 to 40 days. A number of letters were sent to the responsible authority (federal agency responsible for conducting the environmental assessment of the project) from various property associations and individuals expressing their concern that 14 days was not enough

time for the public to review and comment on the draft screening report. If you have concerns about this project you can review the draft screening report on the Algonquin Highlands website, information on where to send you comments can be found at this site. There is still time!

But the big question in all of this mess is why the reeve and council, despite continued public opposition to this project, is in such a rush to complete the project before October now that it has come to light that federal and provincial infrastructure funding will not evaporate in 2011 but actually ends in 2015.

Could it be that there is an election in October where people have the democratic right to vote for or against such a project? The reeve and council should step back, figure out what this project will really cost and allow the public the opportunity exercise their democratic right to decide whether or not taxpayers' money should go to the airport expansion.

"The end is NOT near!"

Sally Howson
Little Cameron Lake

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points of view

Ruff trade

LAST WEEK, yet another strange story hit the newswires. It was about a pet waste removal guy who watched his client's mutt poop out \$58 in cold, hard cash. To make a long story short, he picked up the money, cleaned it off, and, gave it back to the owner. You don't see that kind of honesty every day, huh? Then again, maybe he doesn't accept tips.

Luckily, the tale doesn't end there. It seems that the owner is now auctioning off the money to benefit her local Humane Society. Between you and me, I find this development fascinating and I will follow the results with interest.

We all know that people get carried away at auctions. Yet I'm wondering about what kind of thought process a bidder would have to be experiencing before they bid more than \$58 on a product that was obviously worth

exactly \$58? More importantly, however, if the bidder actually pays more, does this mean that money that passes through the digestive tract of a dog increases substantially in value?

If so, I will soon be a very rich man. You see, I've got three dogs (two of them labs) and they will eat just about anything – actually the more expensive, the better. Now all I need is a savvy investor to feed the beast.

I'm thinking the first production run should be \$20 bills. I'm speculating that, after processing and recovery, each could be worth as much as \$30 on the auction block – \$40, if there has been some drinking and a bidding war erupts. If that's the return, my staff and I will go into full-

scale production using \$50, soon after.

This is actually a great business for me to get into. First off, I've never known any of my dogs to be constipated – far from it in fact. If need be, I'm pretty sure I could actually guarantee a same-day turnover.

More to the point, the central skills involved in this venture – eating and pooping – might be my dogs' only real talent. This is important since, without the proper cash flow, a business like this would have real problems. You need commitment at crunch time, when push comes to shove.

Anyhow, if the initial production run works itself out, I'm thinking of writing cheques for \$1,000 just to see what the market will bear. And, if it proves as

profitable as I believe it should be, I'm getting me a Saint Bernard or a Great Dane.

Needless to say, this is not going to be an easy business to run. As the owner and CEO of this operation, I'll probably spend a lot of time chasing my tails. And I'll have to deal with a lot of crap too. There's another down side too: money can be quite unsanitary. So that's also something to consider.

On the plus side, with good dogs, the right auctioneer and a pair of rubber gloves I could be well on my way to easy street. I'm hoping I'll be well off. You know, comfortable. Not much more than that though – call me strange, but I wouldn't want to be rolling in it.

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Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Democracy's clutter

WHEN RICHARD BRADLEY declared his candidacy with words painted on the back of his automobile, Minden Hills clerk Cheryl McCarroll put finger to lips and said shush.

Not shush so much as please don't do it. An election sign on wheels still is an election sign, and it's much too soon for that in Minden Hills.

Bradley's parked PT Cruiser was an attempt to skirt a township bylaw that forbids roadside signs until nomination day, which happens to be 45 days before Oct. 25, election day.

Minden Hills has its 45-day rule and Haliburton County has a 30-day rule for its roadsides but nobody else in the neighbourhood has any rule at all. Not Kawartha Lakes or Algonquin Highlands or Dysart et al or Highlands East.

In those jurisdictions, democracy still is allowed to rear its ugly head, although Algonquin Highlands has found another way to keep its roadsides clear of political pollution.

You can't have signs without candidates and our aviation hub has only one of those, a journalist gone over to the dark side. None of the incumbents responsible for the Stanhope Airport mess cares to finish the job they started.

What do you do if you call an election and nobody comes?

So, there is one candidate in Algonquin Highlands, 13 in Highlands East (three for reeve), 11 in Dysart et al (none challenging King Murray) and 10 in Minden Hills, though there is no sign of any of them on our roadsides.

When Minden Hills imposed its 45-day rule in 2003, it was protecting its ratepayers' tender sensibilities and shielding tourists' eyes from the scourge of placard clutter.

Probably none of the 2003 councillors seeking re-election even noticed that their vote for aesthetics would give them a political leg up. Surely, they were acting only in the best interests of the landscape.

The big challenge for any political rookie is to get voters to pay attention. Name recognition is a huge advantage for an incumbent, who doesn't have to wait until nomination day to get his smiling face in the paper at some ribbon-cutting.

Keep the signs out of sight until after Labour Day and you protect sum-

mer residents from seeing unfamiliar names, or even knowing this is an election year. Year-round residents

evidently are less sensitive souls, less likely to be traumatized by the signs of democracy bursting out all over.

If signs are so ugly, why allow them at all? As for me, they remind that I live in a place where we get to choose the folks who govern us.

Get enough people thinking about that, and more than a third of our electors might

mail in their ballots.

Even without roadside signs, the most interesting race in the county may be the contest between Reeve Jim McMahon and challenger Barb Reid, council's maverick for the past four years.

At stake is a job that will probably be worth more than \$140,000 over the next four years. Last year, McMahon earned \$23,371.14 as reeve and another \$11,200 for sitting on county council.

Reeves and deputy-reeves get \$7,500 a year as their base pay for serving on county council and per diems for attending county committee meetings. Committee work is part of the job on



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

township council and earns no extra pay.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch's combined pay was \$29,442.70 and other township council members got \$15,777.19. The pay scale was about the same in Algonquin Highlands.

If you are old enough to remember when the stipend for attending a Lutherworth Township council meeting was \$8, that probably seems like a lot of money.

Some perspective is in order. Councils are, in effect, boards of directors and the Reeves are their chairpersons. Minden Hills will spend more than \$5 million this year. The county budget tops \$18 million.

Whether either of, or both of, McMahon and Reid is worth \$35,000 a year is a question for coffee-shop political analysis, but The Brown Dog Jiggs thinks nobody worth less than that should be in charge of so much money.

Which is why he still is considering his political options. Would his chain of office attach to a leash?

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, will be published next month.

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Historical Society clarifies issues

To the Editor,

Editor's note: This letter has been edited for brevity. Please see mindentimes.ca for the full version.

We've read with interest last week's story about the formation of a new countywide Historical Society and feel it's important to clarify a few items in the story.

The introduction of a local chapter of the Ontario Historical Society is a welcome addition to the many groups active in local heritage preservation. However, the Haliburton and Stanhope Museums and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre are not officially "on board" with the new society.

Little information has been shared about the new group, and little effort has been

made to integrate the new group with existing efforts.

There are five museums in the county, one of which is a national historic site, and a sixth is about to open. The many volunteers of these organizations have, over many years, undertaken hundreds of heritage-related projects.

To say that the county is "void of a countywide historical initiative" isn't quite accurate. The heritage people all know each other; they are in frequent contact to share information and resources, to repatriate artifacts, assist with research and help each other's efforts move forward. So the countywide initiative exists, it's just not formalized.

The county may not have a historical society of its own, but formal historical groups exist in the HHGG, the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advi-

sory Committee, the management boards of both Stanhope and Dorset Museums, the new Schoolhouse Historical Society in Highland Grove, the recently incorporated Friends of Stanhope Museum and the entire community of Dorset - which is like one giant historical society!

The story also said that there needs to be a focus on funding. While there's always room for more money, good work is, indeed, being done on this front. In Minden Hills alone, there has been close to \$1 million in project and capital funding from the municipal, provincial and federal levels over the past four years.

The heritage of Haliburton County is in good hands and perhaps as a newcomer Mr. Giles doesn't know any of this. One of the ongoing issues in this community is volunteer

burnout and as such it's in our collective best interest to keep our lines of communication open and clear so we can best use our existing resources and not duplicate what's already being done.

The new OHS chapter is a great idea and one that we hope will dovetail nicely with existing groups and efforts. We all look forward to hearing from Mr. Giles and learning more about this.

Daniela Pagliero - director, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Tom Ballantine - director, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Betty Moffatt - chairperson, Stanhope Museum, Kerry Lock - chairperson, Dorset Museum, Michele Smith - secretary, the Schoolhouse Historical Society, Norma Goodger - secretary, Friends of Stanhope Museum

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group got roots from local cemeteries

To the Editor,

There have been a couple of articles mentioning how the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group came into being that miss the complete story. Back in 1990, I was a member of the Ontario Genealogy Society and they had an article about recording all the cemeteries in Ontario. I contacted them and offered to do Minden if it was not already recorded and they replied in the negative. So Gerry Rome and I set about recording it.

I had asked OSG if there were any other cemeteries in Haliburton County and they sent me back a list of 27. We later found there were almost 40 including some pioneer ones with only one stone.

Shortly thereafter it was decided to form a regular genealogy group with Carol Simmons and June Beeney as co-chairs, Gerry Rome as treasurer and me as cemetery coordinator and editor of a small quarterly pamphlet that has evolved into the present day excellent missive.

One person who deserves a lot of credit for

her work on the recording and searching out of unlisted ones is Betts Mugridge. It is certainly to the credit of the current executive that the group has evolved into a top rate organization of more than 100 members.

The following are a few items that I think are the only ones that are unknown:

(1) When working on the old pioneer cemetery in Gooderham, Mr. Barr from the general store came over to see what I was doing as it was completely fenced and had no burials there for many years. There are only 13 stones and he told me there was a whole row of graves along the fence, but were now overgrown with no indication of graves. They were probably original settlers.

(2) John Hulbig who lived close to the corner of Highway 35 and 121 told me that in the 1800s a black family lived there. They had two young girls (10 and 12?) who died suddenly from flu-like symptoms going around at that time. They are buried in the bush and there are only two mounds with no markers or identification. The father and mother moved away soon after and John did not know their names.

(3) A lady in Carnarvon told me there was a burial hump on her farm but had no idea who it was.

**Cecil Rowe
Lindsay**

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for donating the prize and to all
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Positive G8 and G20 outcome

To the Editor,

Consider one consolation to the obscene costs of the G8 and G20 summits.

They provided an opportunity for many emergency managers at municipal and county levels across Ontario to review, amend and improve their emergency response plans.

There has also been of late a marked

increase in the training and exercising of local emergency personnel (not only security). Several locales, aside from the ones in which the summits were held received additional funding for emergency management purposes.

This all goes to make our communities safer and more disaster resilient.

**Dorian M. Young
Minden**

Council showing disdain for public

To the Editor,

On June 9, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) released its draft screening report on the proposed expansion of the Stanhope Airport. The CEAA specified a public input period until June 25.

Algonquin Highlands council invited municipal engineer Mike Osborne to the June 17 council meeting to discuss the next steps in the process of developing the Stan-

hope Airport facility.

The council, in my opinion, has pre-empted the deadline set by the CEAA for public input by eight days. (The CEAA has now extended its deadline for public input to July 7.)

The continuing disdain shown by the reeve and council for due process, timelines and public consultation is appalling.

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The Township of Minden Hills is going to have an Electronic Waste Disposal Day!

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TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Scotchline Landfill Site

The following e-waste will be accepted:

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There will be no charge for the above noted material dropped off that day.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Environmental and Property Operations Manager
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Meetings and Events

- Fridays July-August (7:00 p.m.) Music by the Gull**
- July 1** 10:00 Canada Day Festivities, Crazy River Raft Race, Fireworks at Dusk
- July 3-11** Ontario Family Fishing Weekend
- July 3** Household Hazardous Waste Day - Scotchline Landfill 8 -1 1:30 a.m.
- July 4** 9:00 a.m. Beat Beethoven Run
- July 28** Rotary Summer Festival (27th rides only) municipal parking lot
- July 30** Highland Yard Annual Race



Walk or Run in Support of Beat Beethoven Run
Race Day: July 4th 2010
Time: 9:00 am REGISTER AVAILABLE ON RACE DAY 7:30 am

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Highlands Brass Academy present the first annual Beat Beethoven Fundraising Run (and WALK!). Combining sport and the arts in a fun and exciting way: the runners and walkers line up, the gun goes off, and the Highlands Brass Academy starts playing Beethoven's 5th Symphony! The goal is for the runners to make it back to the finish line before the Symphony finishes!

More Paintings About Buildings And Rocks June 3 - July 24, 2010 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery:

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Road Closure - Beat Beethoven

We would like to inform the public that due to the Beat Beethoven fundraising run, there will be the following temporary road closures between 9 am and 1 am: Bobcaygeon Rd from Water St. to Fleming Rd. Deep Bay Rd. from Highland Gate Blvd. to Bobcaygeon Rd.

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- 8:00am - 11:00am** Rock Bass Derby - Minden Dock
- 10:30** Entertainment all day long - children's games and activities
- Highlands Time Travellers CLASSIC CARS along the Gull River (Water Street)
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- Prizes drawn all day long
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- 1:00** Rubber Ducky Race
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Haliburton County news

County to vote on Enduro bike Rail Trail access

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Enduro bike riders may have a chance to get on the Haliburton County Rail Trail yet.

At a June 23 council meeting, councillors chose to ignore a recommendation from the economic development committee earlier this month that Enduro bikes be banned from the Rail Trail once and for all and instead decided to hold a special meeting of council on July 7 where council intends to hear from the public, discuss the issue and make a final ruling.

While snowmobiles have sole use of the 33-kilometre corridor during the winter months and while ATVs are permitted on the trail from June through October, the county has continued to keep motorized bikes off the trail.

County resident and president of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, Ken Hoeverman, has approached the county numerous times during the last several years about allowing the two-wheeled vehicles on the trail and said after the economic committee's resolution earlier this month that Enduro bike riders were being unfairly discriminated against.

When he's driving his truck or riding his ATV, Hoeverman

said he's "a good guy, an ordinary citizen. But when I whip my leg over my motorcycle, I'm immediately a villain."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said it was high time the county dealt with the issue once and for all.

"I think it's unfair to keep postponing this," Harrison said. "The longer this is postponed, the worse the situation gets. Let's move forward in some fashion."

Harrison had been a county representative on the county's Rail Trail management committee, which included politicians and stakeholders, but was disbanded last year after being deemed ineffective.

Rail Trail matters have since come under the purview of the county's economic development committee.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he would like to see some kind of protocol established for the meeting, perhaps asking various stakeholder groups and clubs to pick one speaker to represent their points of view so that council did not have listen to numerous presentations pushing the same points.

County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson said this might be difficult since while there are some organized groups such as the county snowmobile and ATV associations, there are many trail users who are not part of a formal organization.

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County Warden and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he thought it was important that presentations at the meeting be subject to time restrictions as well.

"If you can't get your point across in five minutes, are you ever going to?" Burton asked. Pamela Marsales head up Friends of the Rail Trail, a group that organizes pedestrian-oriented events on and near the trail, said she was concerned that since the July 7 meeting is scheduled during the work day, that many members of the public would not have an opportunity to attend.

So, she has scheduled a public meeting to be held at Fleming College at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30.

Marsales told the Echo she had organized the meeting "on behalf of a coalition of interests, from adjacent property owners to those who cherish safe access to public green space."

"This will serve many who won't be able to attend the daytime council meeting," she said, adding that the meeting would be "an important opportunity for anyone worried about Enduros on the county Rail Trail to come together to discuss their concerns, share information and perhaps explore a unified approach to the council meeting."

The council meeting be held in county council chambers at 9 a.m. on July 7.

Council considers physician recruiter

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county may be changing its strategy when it comes to the recruitment of physicians to the area.

At a June 23 council meeting, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who sits on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services professional recruitment committee, said the committee would be exploring the idea of the county hiring a full-time, in-house physician recruiter to bring doctors to the county.

Like many communities across the country, Haliburton County is in dire need of family doctors, along with acute, emergency, long-term and primary care workers.

County Warden and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was skeptical, explaining that North Hastings had worked with some kind of consultant in order to attract more physicians to that area and that the endeavour had proven unsuccessful.

"There were a lot of promises and it didn't happen," Burton said.

Harrison said there was a big difference between working with a recruitment firm and the county actually bringing a headhunter on staff. She said that if the committee found it could be to the county's advantage, council could see a recommendation about hiring a new staff member in the fall. Harrison said the committee will also be looking at the option of recruiting physician assistants to the area.

Not full doctors and different than nurse practitioners, physician assistants are people who are licenced to perform certain medical functions including physical exams and the review of medical tests under the supervision of a doctor.



Angelica Blenich Times staff

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation from left, Dale Walker, Klara Oyler and Brenda Ellis snuggle with the foundation's 2010 bear, aptly named Burton. The bear was named by Ellis who has been an administrative clerk with the foundation for 28 years, and is available for sale throughout the county for \$20. According to Walker the foundation received 45 name submissions and a winning entry was selected by health services CEO Paul Rosebush.

Library looks to future

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County library is on pace to have a record year in 2010.

Bessie Sullivan, the library's CEO, gave her 2009 summary report to county councillors at their June 23 meeting and the news was good.

Sullivan said the library's circulation numbers, which are based on the actual number of barcodes that are scanned in checkout, is on the rise.

While circulation in 2008 was 67,890, for 2009, it was up to just short of 80,000.

Sullivan said this year the system looks like it could see more than 100,000 transactions.

"I don't believe the system has even met that milestone before," she said.

Sullivan, who took over the county library network about a year and half ago, has updated and heavily integrated its website into the library's operations and told councillors last week that an average visit to the website is about 30 seconds, which would indicate that people are using it to access the library's online catalogue.

Membership is also up and Sullivan said

the library now has more than 6,700 card carriers.

She said this was partially due to the fact that the county's schools make frequent use of the new Minden Hills and Dysart branches.

Haliburton County's permanent population is just 15,000.

Sullivan said she hopes to increase library programming and said the library will be holding some concerts this summer.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, who serves on both Minden Hills's library committee and the county's library board said in her short time here, Sullivan has become an invaluable asset to the community.

"What wonderful, positive changes she's brought to the county library system," Murdoch said. "I think we owe her a great deal of thanks."

The county library system includes eight branches in Dysart, Minden Hills, Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Stanhope and Wilberforce.

It is in the process of starting a user survey to help better serve these communities.

Its collection consists of some 400,000 books and other items.

Beach testing decrease makes waves with council

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County councillors are upset the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pineridge District Health Unit will be reducing the amount of water testing it does at the county's public beaches.

At a June 23 county council meeting, councillors said they were disturbed by correspondence their townships had received from the health unit, indicating that water quality testing would no longer be performed at certain sites.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said her township relied on the tests with regards to its Halls Lake swimming lessons. There are swimming lessons held at public beaches throughout the county in locations that include Haliburton Lake, West Guilford and Wilbermere.

However, Richard Orcharovich, manager of environmental health with the health unit, said the unit had made sure the beaches where it was ceasing water testing were not used for swimming lessons and said they were often smaller and lesser-

used beaches.

Six public beaches in the county that will no longer be tested for water quality are Haliburton Lake's west bay, Head's Lake's Rotary Beach, Silver Beach, Esson Lake and the beaches along the river and at the lagoon in Minden's Rotary Park.

Townships must post "use at your own risk" signs at these sites.

The unit is decreasing water testing at public beaches throughout its jurisdiction, not just in Haliburton County, in an attempt to tighten up its operations.

"We have to look at where we put our resources," Orcharovich said, adding that beaches in the county generally receive positive reviews. "Most of the beaches in Haliburton County are good beaches."

The health unit performs weekly tests from June through September at public beaches throughout its jurisdiction, looking for contaminants such as geese feces and sewage, blue-green algae and safety hazards such as broken glass.

While the beaches in the county that will be affected are not used for swimming lessons, "they've some of our [lakes] most frequently used for swimming" Fearrey said. "It's a great disappointment."

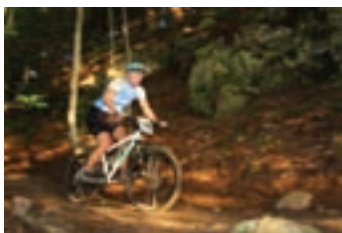


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Oh, the places they'll go



Chad Ingram Times staff

This year's graduating Grade 8 class from Archie Stouffer Elementary School pose for a group photo before their graduation ceremony on June 28.



Grade 6 student Emma was chosen to receive the Ontario Principal's Leadership Award. Students in grades 4 through 7 are eligible for the award.

ASES recognizes outstanding achievements



These Grade 7 students received awards for achieving 75 per cent or higher in all subjects. They are, from back left, Bethany, Courtney, Erica, Krista, Jenna, Ben, Kyle, Nick, Autumn, Shae and, in front, Lucas.



Grade 7 students Michael, left, and Erin were given awards for sportsmanship in athletics while Curtis and Shae received awards for athletic performance.



Grade 7 students Tamara, left, and Erin each earned more than 80 per cent in all of their subjects.

Engineer's comments offend MBC leadership

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The project manager for the Stanhope Airport expansion has come under fire for comments he made at a June 17 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

At that meeting, engineer Mike Osborne told councillors that he had been in conversation with Bill Bunker, business case analyst for the Federal Economic Development Agency of Southern Ontario, who prepared the draft screening report assessment for the project.

In a letter to Bunker, Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association executive members Paul MacInnes, Andy Muirhead and Doug Palmer said they had grave concerns with comments Osborne had made on Bunker's behalf.

"That you have made such statements in conversation with a representative of the proponent, when considered in conjunction with the very short public comment period announced for the draft report and what are perceived as deficiencies in the project scoping and the report itself causes serious concern regarding the treatment of the assessment under your direction," the MBC letter reads.

"It was Mr. Osborne's recollection – and we must paraphrase – that it was your opinion that 'the project had already taken enough of your teams' time,' that 'you expected a rapid issuance of a positive final report,' and that you 'simply wanted the issue closed.'"

In his own letter to Bunker, Osborne writes

that, "at no time did I indicate that 'you simply wanted the issue closed.' In fact, I indicated that you contacted me twice for additional information and clarification as part of your review. I can assure you there was no negative attitude towards the public or your office during my discussions with council."

Osborne wrote that "in effect," his statements to council were that Bunker's team had put a lot of time and effort into the review of the project, that the draft screening review was available to the public for review and comment for a period of two weeks, that comments would be reviewed by Bunker's office to see if they impacted his decision and that failing any extraordinary responses from the public, the process of moving forward could be finalized by early July.

The *Times* contacted Bunker's office for comment, and was told by employee Purvi Acharya that, "as part of the environmental assessment process, the federal government works very closely with municipalities to make sure that reviews are thorough and completed in a timely manner."

The draft screening assessment, dated June 9, basically gives the township the green light for its plan to construct a new 1,220-metre at the airport, once it has passed a storm water drainage assessment and an additional archeological survey near the south end of the property.

While at a public meeting in Stanhope last year, reps from Infrastructure Canada had said there would be a month-long public input period following the release of the draft assessment, the initial public comment period was to end on June 25.

However, MBC brought this to the atten-



It was Mr. Osborne's recollection – and we must paraphrase – that it was your opinion that 'the project had already taken enough of your teams' time,' that 'you expected a rapid issuance of a positive final report,' and that you 'simply wanted the issue closed.'

— *Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association letter*

tion of Bunker's office, and the deadline for public comments on the assessment has been extended until July 9.

The *Times* asked Bunker's office why it had decided to extend the public input period and was told by Acharya that, "while the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act does not specify a requirement for pub-

lic consultations or the duration for the comment period, the draft EA screening report will continue to be posted until July 9, 2010 to ensure the public has enough time to provide feedback."

The draft screening assessment can be viewed on the township's website.

At the June 17 council meeting, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison indicated there was a possibility that a hangar owned by Andrew Kuzyk, whose Dysart et al property abuts the airport, was at least partially on municipal property, and that the township would be investigating.

Building permits are not required for the construction of airport hangars.

Kuzyk is one of the property owners near the airport whose old-growth tress must be topped (have up to 13 metres removed) for the safe operation of the proposed runway.

While the township last year made an offer of \$10,000 for "vegetative rights" on Kuzyk property, he'd responded that the township should have access to his trees for \$500,000.

Kuzyk called the *Times* on Monday to say that even though it was not required, he had gotten a building permit from Dysart et al township when he constructed his hangar and said the building had a 50-foot setback from the Algonquin Highlands line.

Osborne told councillors at the June 17 meeting that the new runway should be able to be paved in October.

Road to be closed for community events

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills council has agreed to shut down a section of Bobcaygeon Road on select Tuesday evenings during the summer.

The road will be shut down to allow the Minden Promoters, the reincarnation of last year's Minden Sesquicentennial Committee, to host a number of community events in the village's downtown core.

Promoters member Lynda Litwin was at council's June 24 meeting to make the request.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff wanted to know if any of the downtown business owners were aware of the group's plans and what their reactions were.

"A lot of the businesses are showing up at more and more of our meetings," Litwin said. "I haven't heard anything negative, that's for sure."

Litwin was looking for blanket permission to close the road on Tuesday nights whenever necessary, which didn't sit easy with Councillor Barb Reid.

"I think it's premature to make a decision

like that," Reid said. "There's a lot of people that may take exception to a regular road closure."

Litwin said the sesquicentennial committee had part of the main street closed for a car show last summer and that it had gone over fine.

"Nobody complained," Litwin said. "Everybody thought it was fantastic."

Litwin said the event had brought about 200 people into the downtown and that there had been more people than usual milling around the downtown core as a result of the event.

Because some of the planned events are scheduled to take place at the cultural centre, on the river and at other locations throughout the village, Litwin said it was likely that only two or three evenings would even require a closure of Bobcaygeon Road.

The Promoters also requested permission to host regular trunk sales throughout the summer, but council restricted them to one for the season at the recommendation of chief building official Ken Jones.

Jones said he thought regular trunk sales would violate the township's transient trader bylaw.

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Paper transferred to charity by owners

➤ Brett and Joanne Irvine pursue a new endeavour: launching their new invention to restaurants

Jenn Watt
Editor

After more than two years at the helm of the *Haliburton County Voice* and eight-plus years with the *Highlands Communicator*, Joanne and Brett Irvine announced June 24 they are stepping away from publishing to launch a new invention into the restaurant world.

Meanwhile, the publications formerly owned by the couple are in the process of being given to a community board of directors who will run the business as a charity.

As their lives became more complicated by the creation of Au Garçon, a wine-bottle-shaped light that is used to signal to waiters when customers need service, the Irvines determined they could no longer dedicate as much time as they thought necessary to the *Voice* and *Communicator* and were looking for a suitable alternative to their management.

"Then we started talking to [Maarten Steinkamp] because of the Au Garçon issue," Joanne said in an interview at Steinkamp's restaurant, Upper Manhattan Lounge.

Steinkamp suggested to the Irvines that they could try a different model for their papers – establish a charitable foundation and funnel the profits from the business back to the community.

"This idea became the one. It sat right with me," Joanne said.

"I can sleep with it," Brett added.

So, they set the wheels in motion: Steinkamp took charge of organizing legal, accounting and structural changes to the business, while the Irvines began preparing the paper for their departure.

Since summer is the busiest season for the newspaper, they determined that the



Jenn Watt Editor

Joanne and Brett Irvine have invented a new product called Au Garçon that signals to waiters when service is needed. The decision to go forward with the product has caused them to step away from the *County Voice* and *Highlands Communicator*, which will soon be run by a charity board.

profits made beginning July 1 should be held in trust for the charity – named Give It For Tomorrow (GIFT) – until it could be established.

"Before we can establish ourselves as a charitable foundation we need to go through some serious processes," Steinkamp said in an interview.

Money made before the board is established will be held by a trust, which the Irvines and Steinkamp oversee together, until it can be given to the charity.

Neither Steinkamp, nor the Irvines will take seats on the governing board once it is established. (The Irvines have indicated they will maintain an advisory relationship with the business.)

"I'm just doing this to get it going, once the foundation is established and the board is there I've no intention of being on

the board," Steinkamp said.

Steinkamp has invested none of his own money into the *Voice* and said he will not be receiving any money from his participation in its transformation, either.

The Irvines have transferred all of the *Voice's* assets to the trust and will be given a fee for those assets if the company is profitable after the charity board has been established.

The editorial department will remain the same, with the addition of Andrea Hillo as a creative consultant for the publications.

"[The] Irvines do not receive any money/payment upfront ... as profits are generated over time – the Irvines will receive fair payment towards their portion of the *Voice* assets – which is well below market value as the Irvines have contributed a substantial portion of the company's assets and

good will to the foundation. The board will have to agree with the height of repayment/installments," reads an email sent jointly by Steinkamp and the Irvines to the *Times*.

Conversations about what to do with the free newspaper and good news publication began in April of this year when the Irvines decided there was enough interest in their invention to dedicate the bulk of their time to its promotion and sales.

When they took the Au Garçon prototype to trade shows around Canada, the Irvines received such large amounts of positive feedback that they realized they had something special, Joanne said.

"People were coming up and saying we were the talk of the show," Joanne said.

"Meantime, the manufacturer was saying, you have no idea what you've just invented."

They did a whirlwind tour of North America and when interest from European markets was sparked, they decided to consult with Steinkamp about how best to approach overseas sales, since Steinkamp is a former president of Sony BMG for continental Europe.

That is when talks began about what to do with the newspaper.

"We were in a bit of a pickle," Joanne said.

"I love this paper and we can't stop it, but we can't miss an opportunity of a lifetime," she said.

Until Steinkamp suggested the new structure, the options were sell, hire new management or shut down – none of which sounded as good as running it as a charity.

"Now it's going to give back and continue to live," Joanne said.

The trust will put out a formal call for board members and for potential projects that the charity can take on in the near future.

Steinkamp estimates GIFT will take until about November of this year to launch.

In the short-term, the Irvines will seek out a manager to run the publications in their absence.

Kinmount streetscape dispute continues

Lisa Gervais
Special to the *Times*

Kinmount businessman Keith Stata has hit back at convenience store owner Hafiz Makani, who attended the last City of Kawartha Lakes council meeting to again plead for five short-term parking spaces to be kept in front of his store during the downtown reconstruction project.

Stata said the majority of Kinmount residents and businesspeople want the redevelopment to proceed as planned for safety reasons and Makani's objections have only

delayed the project.

He said the current parking situation in front of the Shop N' Save Convenience and Discount store "is an accident waiting to happen" because cars are parked on a slope on a sidewalk and backing into traffic where people walk.

"Further, Makani does not have enough room for cars to park here without being on the sidewalk, and does not apparently own most of this area. It belongs to the city who listened to the majority of the Kinmount citizens who took the time to go to the meetings," Stata said.

Makani has argued he will lose five

short-term parking spaces due to high curbs but Stata said there is actually room for two out-front spots if Makani makes some minor adjustments outside of his store, as well as two on-street parking spots. Further, he said Makani has never properly developed 12 parking spots out back that the city requested when he did an extension in 2006. He added that up until a few weeks ago the lane to those parking spots were blocked with the Makani's private vehicles.

"We have grass, dirt and gravel, but nothing to mark off parking, and no sign at the front of the store to indicate customer

parking is available," Stata said.

Stata said work was to have begun last September but Makani's appeal to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) delayed the project to the spring.

"And many downtown merchants are now suffering a revenue loss in this critical lead up to summer over his actions." Makani is now taking the city to court with an appearance scheduled for July. Stata said it is costing taxpayers a lot of money.

"Frankly most of us are sick of hearing about it," he said of Makani's objections.



Chad Ingram Times staff

Minden Hills library staffer Ellie MacNeil stands beside an image of John McCrae, author of *In Flanders Fields*. An exhibit at the library until September looks at the man behind the famous poem.

Exhibit highlights man behind Flanders Fields

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Most Canadians are familiar with the poem *In Flanders Fields*, but how many know about the man behind the poem?

An exhibit that opened at the Minden Hills library last week takes a look at the poet, author, soldier, doctor and traveller who was John McCrae.

As library CEO Bessie Sullivan explained, the exhibit, which comes from the Guelph Civic Museum, was initially supposed to be on display at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"The cultural centre had booked it along time ago and realized as the date got closer that they didn't have room for it," Sullivan said, adding that the library was more than happy to provide a viewing space for the exhibit.

Consisting of a series of panels positioned on the library's floor, the exhibit not only details McCrae's military career, but also his life in his hometown of Guelph, his

medical career and interesting anecdotes from some of his travels.

On a tour of the Maritimes, for example, McCrae dined with Lucy Maude Montgomery, just a year after her now incredibly famous *Anne of Green Gables* had been published.

The exhibit also includes entries and sketches taken from some of McCrae's journals, recreations of the medals he was awarded for his military service, newspaper articles and other historical tidbits.

"We are shooting to try to get into more programming opportunities," Sullivan said, explaining that the exhibit would not be the last of its kind to visit the library.

The McCrae exhibit will be on display until Sept. 11 and can be viewed any time during regular library hours, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The exhibit is being presented in partnership with the cultural centre, Friends of Haliburton County Public Library, the Minden Rotary Club and the Minden Legion.



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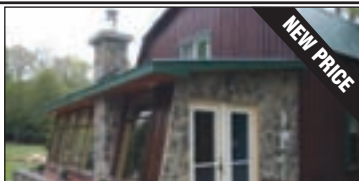
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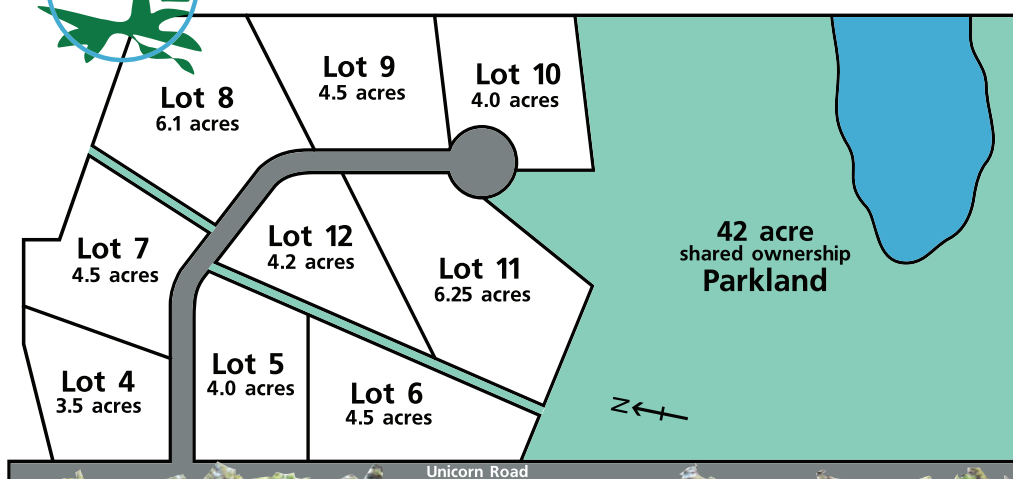
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HST to have mixed effect on local business

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Starting Canada Day, Ontarians will be paying eight per cent more for a number of goods and services as the province's harmonized sales tax (HST) comes into effect.

Part of the provincial government's 2009 budget, the new tax will add eight per cent in PST to a number of items that are currently subject only to the five per cent GST.

Some of these items include landscaping services, home visits by plumbers, electricians and other tradespeople, gasoline, taxi fares, hotel rooms and haircuts.

At Minden's Head Inn Hair Styling, stylist Janet Hirstwood said she thinks some of their senior clientele will be making fewer hair appointments.

"I believe that some of our senior customers will have some issue with it," Hirstwood said. "They don't get an eight per cent increase."

Andrew Hodgson, who owns Minden's Century 21 Granite Realty Group, said he doesn't think the new tax will have a huge impact on his business or the real estate industry.

"The bottom line is for the majority of real estate, the HST isn't much of an issue for our buyers," Hodgson told the Times. "A lot of residential lots are exempt."

Hodgson said residential properties of \$450,000 or less are exempt from the new tax.

The HST, however, will apply to some home acquisition costs such as legal fees, home inspections, mortgage insurance costs and real estate commissions.

Hodgson said the spring has been a busy one and that they may be in part from people rushing to beat the HST, but he said with low interest rates, 2010 and 2011 are looking like they will continue to present a buyers' market.

"I don't think it's going to have much of an impact," he said.

Funerals are another service that will see an eight per cent price increase with the introduction of the HST and at Monk Funeral Home in Minden, Donna Monk said there has been a huge increase in the number of people pre-booking funerals in the past couple of months.

"It's been at least double," she said.

When asked what she thought about the HST personally, Monk said, "I won't be voting for Dalton next time around."

At the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, manager Maria Micaleff said the board of directors is reserving any comment on the HST for now, until it sees what kind of effect the new tax has on the community.

The provincial government has defended the HST by saying that it will eliminate what it calls "hidden taxes," or PST that is paid at every step of the production of some consumer items and that is embedded in the cost.

Various reports have said the new tax will cost middle-class Canadian families anywhere between an additional \$400 to \$1,000 a year.

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Jenn Watt
Editor

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Restorative dispute resolution is being implemented across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board as a method of reducing aggressive behaviour in kids and teaching better communication skills that can be carried on past the school walls.

"It's not the solution to every problem, but it's another tool we have to help solve problems," said Kevin Cutler, superintendent of special education and safe schools for the board.

Instead of always punishing a student for bad behaviour, restorative processes seek to sort through the incident with the students involved, acknowledging the effect of the behaviour and seeking out ways to fix it.

"It's not necessarily a new idea," Cutler explained in an interview, since the youth justice system already employs restorative justice, and many aboriginal societies have always used the method for conflict resolution.

At Archie Stouffer Elementary School, the restorative process is used in formal and informal ways allowing students the chance to face each other and help each other understand the impact of harassment, violence and abuse.

When he came to the school, vice-principal Peter Ferri discussed with principal Joan Harpell what was missing when it

came to behaviour modification.

"We were missing a piece. We had suspensions where you send a kid away and expect he'll come back fixed but how is that fixing part happening?" Ferri said.

So when kids came to the office reporting conflict or bullying, Ferri would sometimes suggest they try a restorative circle where the kids could sit down and discuss what went on in a given incident.

"They have to face each other - they have to share perspectives," he said.

"We talk about impact - who is impacted? No matter what I say or do I'm always impacting someone. And the realization is that holy smokes - I impacted a whole bunch of people. It's very moving. People are moved," he said.

Teachers and administrators across the board are in the process of being trained to facilitate such meetings, which can range in size and attendance anywhere from just the victim and perpetrator to the teachers, family and community who were affected by the actions.

"We're training a good chunk of the staff," Cutler said. "Teachers are already running classroom circles" where kids can sit down and discuss any issues they may have.

"When kids come up with the solution in that setting the chance of implementation by the kids is almost 100 per cent," he said.

Over the past couple of years, behavioural problems have been drastically reduced at ASES, which Ferri believes has to do with the communication tools being taught, partially in the restorative process.

"I'm really excited right now because restorative processes gives kids the language, the vehicle to sit down with a framework to discuss," he said.

But despite being rooted in equality and power-sharing, not all parents are quick to accept the restorative model: parents of child bullies often worry the process will target their kids unfairly, while others take the approach that children should fight it out rather than talk it out.

"Parents need to understand that we're not out to punish their child or label their child," Cutler said, it's about intervening and introducing new coping mechanisms.

As for the "boys will be boys" mentality some parents may still harbour, Ferri said those attitudes don't fly in public schools.

"I don't accept that. Not within these walls. It's different rules in here: equity and inclusion. That doesn't cut it here," he said.

"We did used to do that [let kids fight], but look at the world we're living in - it's not very nice."



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How lakes got their names (part two)

Column by Chad Ingram

Haliburton County is home to hundreds of lakes. Forming in various shapes and sizes, some are little more than large ponds, while others cover hundreds of acres.

They are a defining part of the area's landscape and one of the main reasons people have been flocking here for generations. Each of these lakes of course has its own unique name, but where do these names come from?

This summer, the *Cottage Times* will be examining the history of some of the lake names in the county.

In this edition, are the histories of some lakes, mostly in the area of what is now Algonquin Highlands township, based on a 1998 paper by Trent University student Elinor Whidden entitled *Discovering the History of Haliburton Through Its Lake Names*.

If you know, or think you know, the history of a county lake name and want to share it with the *Cottage Times*, please send it to cingram@mindentimes.ca.

Boshkung Lake

One of many lakes in the township with aboriginal

names, "Boshkung" is loosely translated as "three waters" or "meeting of the waters." Apparently the narrows between what is now referred to as Little Boshkung and Big Boshkung was a popular spot for growing pumpkins, squash and corn.

Halls Lake

It is believed that some time in the 19th century, a trapper with the surname of Halls got into a squabble with a local tribe and was killed near the shores of the lake.

Kabawka Lake

Quite simply, "kabawka" translates to "shallow."

Kushog Lake

"Kushog" translates to "long and narrow water."

Lake of Bays

Lake of Bays was given its name by surveyor Alexander Murray in 1853. Before his, the lake was referred as Trading Lake, which was believed to be the English translation of an aboriginal word.

Little Hawk Lake

Sparrow hawks have traditionally nested around this body of water.

Livingstone Lake

It is presumed this lake was named for explorer and missionary Rev. David Livingstone.

Maple Lake

Maple Lake gets its name from the many maple trees that grew in the area. The word "maple" itself is believed to have Ojibwe origins.

Oxtongue Lake

Like Lake of Bays, Oxtongue Lake was given its name in an 1853 survey by Alexander Murray. It was given the name because of its shape, which resembles an ox's tongue.

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Meet Robin Simpson

When viewing Robin Simpson's array of knives at his booth at the Kinmount Farmers' Market, the words of the movie character Crocodile Dundee come easily to mind. The scene is a New York street, and the crocodile man and his girlfriend are being accosted by a knife-wielding punk. "That's not a knife," says Dundee, "this is a knife." At that point he pulls out a gargantuan blade that dwarfs the punk's four inch. The punk flees, and order is restored.

"That was a big Bowie knife," says Simpson with a chuckle, who goes on to explain, in almost loving detail, the essence of knives, knife making, leather work and tomahawks.

Simpson was born in the Beaches area of Toronto. After a seven-year apprenticeship that started when he was 16, Simpson worked as a sailmaker for Freedom Sailmakers Canada Ltd., an outfit that made sails for big yachts. "I left to become a hippie, and travel the world," he says, "but I came back during the wind surfer craze, and opened up my own company at Jackson's Point on Lake Simcoe. At our peak we had 40 employees, and we had branches in Hawaii, Germany and in Quebec. At one time we made all the wind surfing sails for Canada, plus high performance and custom sails for sail boards."

During his hippie stage Simpson owned a leather shop in Vancouver, where his sail making and stitching experience served him well. Later, back at Jackson's Point, he became involved in antiques; specifically Canadian furniture and folk art. Over time Simpson became a lover of Native art, and

as well as making knives and sheathes, he's also an art appraiser who specializes in Native and Inuit Canadiana.

"I'm Metis," Simpson reveals. "My mother was Scottish, and my father Cree, so I guess I got my love of Native arts and crafts from them. About seven years ago I made a few bone-bladed ceremonial knives, and then started making knives in the old style, which are my take on 19th century knives, and earlier. These types of knives were traded to the Natives by settlers and by the Hudson Bay Company and the North West Company, in exchange for pelts and

food. They were then used for hunting, and skinning buffalo, deer and elk. On many occasions only the blades were traded, and the natives had to make their own handles." Many of Simpson's handles, like those made by people of indigenous nations, are made from bone, horn or curly maple, and are meticulously crafted.

Some of the knives that white settlers used for trade were made from old butcher knife blades, and today Simpson replicates those Native knives by using similar components. Some are made from old Glasgow steel blades, some from bandsaw blades and some are made from scratch. The scratch blades "are tempered, and cooled in dry sand for 24 hours," Simpson says, "and the edges are heat treated and quenched in oil."

In addition to the handmade knives and the beautifully designed and inlaid sheathes, Simpson also buys and sells antique pocket knives and deals in a variety of more modern pocket knives, whit-

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Robin Simpson, knife maker and custom leather worker poses with his tools of his trade. Photo by George Farrell

tlers, friction folding knives, slip joint pocket knives, lock backs, fixed blade hunting knives, "and miniature knives for mini collectors." One of Simpson's miniature knife blades is comprised of many layers of steel, which creates a swirly pattern in the metal. The tiny blade folds ingeniously and surreptitiously into the claw of a grizzly bear.

Simpson also makes artistic old-style leather bags and belts, which he dyes himself, black powder horns, guitar straps, and Native hand drums. Particularly appealing are the hand-forged tomahawks. "They're early-style fighting tomahawks," Simpson explains, "traditionally used by the plains tribes. I make them from scratch, and nowadays some people use them for target throwing."

Most of Simpson's handmade knives retail in the \$100 to \$300 range. But in the world of handmade knife enthusiasts that pales in comparison to what one Arabian sheikh paid. "He spent over \$1 million for a King Tut replica dagger, from an American maker," Simpson says, with awe.

As a child, Robin Simpson came to the Highlands to cottage with his parents, and he grew to love the area. Some time ago, while visiting a friend here he decided that this is where he wanted to live, so he sold his antiques business in Jackson's Point, and bought land in the Tory Hill area. He moved up permanently in 2000. He's a frequent exhibitor at the Kinmount Farmers' Market.

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In search of Chupacabra

Column by Chad Ingram • Photos by Jenn Watt

It was a typical Tuesday at the office and I was multitasking, watching both paint dry and grass grow.

Suddenly the door burst open.

Since my desk blocked my view of whoever had entered the room so hastily, I deduced it had to be my colleague Steve Galea.

Panting like a polar bear in Punta Cana, Galea came sprinting up to me, eyes wild.

"Chickens!" he yelled. "Chickens!"

Annoyed at being distracted from my important work, I told Galea to calm down and explain what the problem was.

He proceeded to tell me that the previous evening, something had stolen three of his wife's chickens.

Galea said he had seen something disappearing into the trees at the edge of their property and he was sure the culprit had been the chupacabra, the legendary reptilian man-beast who feeds on unsuspecting livestock throughout South America.

Galea reasoned the creature was probably in Canada to protest for increased reptilian man-beast rights at the Huntsville G8 summit.

"I declare revenge on the chupacabra!" he exclaimed, explaining that revenge would mean making the creature proof-read his columns for a year.

The torture of editing Galea's work had led former journalistic overlord of Haliburton County, one Parsimonious

Perkins, to flee the province indefinitely.

Of course, before the creature could be subjected to this hell, we had to track it down.

"We'll take the train," Galea said.

"What train?" I asked.

"The one that seems to make a lot of stops at the high school," he said.

On our way to catch the train, Galea thought he spotted the chicken thief.

"Chupacabra!" he yelled, pointing towards Head Lake Park.

"That's a golden retriever," I informed him.

"Chupacabra," he said, turning towards a green mass speeding down Highland Street.

"That's a Ford," I said.

"Chupacabra," he exclaimed again, eyes to the sidewalk.

"That's your foot, Galea," I told him.

Boarding the train was no problem as there was no line and, come to think of it, no tickets were required either.

While we were waiting for the train to get going, we were approached by a group of slithery serpents.

"Chupacabra?" Galea questioned.

"I believe those are snakes," I told him, becoming a wee bit squeamish.

Snakes.

On a train.

"Let's get out of here," Galea said. "I've had enough of these mother&*@#ing snakes on this mother&*@#ing train."

Fleeing from the train was quite easy, since it seemed like the thing was hardly



Reporter Chad Ingram helps Steve Galea find the creatures responsible for eating Galea's wife's chickens.

moving at all.

As we ran though, I remembered something Sheila Ziman, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, had recently told me.

"Haliburton County is incredibly rich in its diversity and we want to protect it and we want to learn more about it," she'd said.

I also recalled that biologist Paul Heaven had told me snakes were nothing to be feared and that three of the

county's snake species – the milk snake, eastern hog-nose and eastern ribbon snake – were actually on the province's list of at-risk species and that anyone who spotted any of these animals could contact him at 286-3181 or pheaven@gleside-eco.ca.

So Galea and I stopped running, and we discovered that the snakes weren't out to suck our blood or strangle us or

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Have they found the thief?

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devour us whole, as we had feared.

They meant us no harm at all. They were really quite docile, in fact. Almost as if they were made of rubber.

Bidding farewell to our limbless friends and continuing our search for the chupacabra who had so cruelly stolen Galea's wife's chickens, we came next upon a most unfortunate sight.

It seemed some careless motorist had backed over a turtle, flattening the thing.

"Chupacabra?" Galea asked.

"You know, Galea," I said, "if this wacky adventure we're on was a column, if it was just the lame brain-fruit of some deliriously tired writer, the joke would be getting pretty old by now. That is a turtle, and one that has had an unfortunate bout with a vehicle."

Galea surveyed the gruesome scene again.

"Oh God, oh God, not again!" he screamed, before coiling up in a fetal position on the road. "Shelly, no! Shelly!"

By the time Galea got himself collected, I realized that the poor turtle, while perhaps a little more pancake-like than it had previously been, was still alive.

After performing some quick turtle CPR, I was able to move the creature off the road, holding it by the shell.

"The way you moved that turtle is just the sort of thing one could learn by attending one of reptile workshops the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and Land Between are hosting this summer," Galea said.

"Yes, Galea, it sure is," I told him.

We spent the rest of the day searching for the chupacabra, but were unsuccessful.

We did come across a five-lined skink, a hitchhiker and a basketball, all of which Galea accused of being the chupacabra, but that's about it.

I was exhausted that night as I got home.

Inside, I walked past the coat rack where my green windbreaker was hanging and to the freezer, where I pulled out one of three frozen chickens.

"Mmm, chickens," I said. "Chickens."



Ingram tries to save the life of a squashed turtle by performing CPR.

After discovering that snakes aren't at all terrifying, they make friends with them.

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Seems everyone I know is having trouble sleeping. Up three times during the night to do their business, or to count sheep that turn into cows, don'tcha know.

Why Twindle Mumbly is so sleep deprived he keeps bumping into things and saying, I'm sorry. Doesn't matter what it is ... a wall, a tree, salad fixings. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Even poor Bogart is up howling at the moon. And he's a bear!

But I feel good about what my friends here at Lake WhaddyathinkI mean are doing about it.

Vilma Yucch has taken to eating bananners at night for the potassium to keep her legs from jumpin'.

Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom invented a gizmo that hooks up to yer hair follycals, don'tcha know. He tried

it out on Beanpole Starkman and now poor 'ol Beanpole's got baby fur for hair. Fried it right off.

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

The good news is, Beanpole's so busy putting fur-tilizer on his scalp and fretting about it that he forgets he can't sleep. Now he sleeps like a baby.

My dear friend, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes got sleep depper-vacation 'cause of Neville snoring so loud. Why even his lips flapped, don'tcha know.

Well she tried everything, even making ol' Neville sleep in the nanny

shack out back. But she couldn't sleep from missing him.

As for ol' Maybelle, I was starting to walk in Twindle's sleep-walking shoes 'til I remembered my late Auntie Fester's book, *Cure Stuff and Be Done With It*.

First thing it said: If yer not happy in the place yer sleeping, change it.

Sounded simple enough, so I experimented. I tried sleeping in the living room, in the wee den, and even in the bathtub. That's right. I plunked down a big piece of foam rubber, every comforter I own and made myself a nice cozy nest.

But do you think I could sleep?!

Then I read Auntie Fester's words again only this time between the lines. If yer not happy in the place yer sleeping, change it.

Now you may already know that Auntie F was big on Astro Illogical readings. Well, she was also big on going inside her own head and heart for the answers to just about everything.

So I got to thinking those words must mean more than the physical place I was setting my body to sleep at night ... it was about how I was feeling inside that needed changing.

Well if I didn't get out a piece of paper, cut it into thin strips, and write down on each strip what I was holding hostage in my mind. #1. I hope my den-tures stay put at Sybil's social tomor-

row. #2. Whose big idea was HST?! #3. Get the roof fixed.

Well, by the time I wrote down all my worries on those strips of paper, I had a good 15 of 'em.

So I curled 'em into little balls, put 'em in a shoe box, duck taped the sides down real good, and put it in a closet on t'other side of my cottage. And guess what? That night I slept like a baby. And I still do.

Now those little things that go bump in the night are bumping into each other ... away from me.

Auntie Fester was right. Astro illogical readings may tell you how the stars kin influence what happens ... but how you sleep at night is an inside job.

'Til next time when I tell you what's coming outta my closet ... sweet dreaming.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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10:30 Highlands Concert Band in concert at main stage area
 11:00 Fishing Derby closes, Crazy River Raft Race registration Rotary Park, (sponsored/assisted by the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association, Henwoods Variety, Bill and Linda Chadwick)
 11:30 Canada Day Opening Ceremonies: Minden Marching Band & Highland Silver Flutes, Colour Party, Opening remarks from MP Barry Devolin, Reeve McMahon and cutting of the Canada Day Cake.
 12:30 Crazy River Raft Race starts at Rotary Park, finish line at the bridge in town
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 1:30 Rubber Duck Race - Gull River - Minden Lionesses
 2:00 Shintano Wado Kai Karate demonstrations at main stage area
 4:00 Kendall Partington outdoor concert, Wild Swan B&B. Bring your lawn chair. Pay what you can.
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July 2	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 4	9 am	Beat Beethoven	Cultural Centre
July 6 & 8	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks Make It Minden Tuesday Night in Minden	Cultural Centre
July 6	6pm-Dusk	Sponsored by Minden Rivercone & Minden Lions Club	
July 9	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 10		Michael Pickett Blues Concert	Wintergreen
July 12	2:30-6:30pm	Blood Donor Clinic	Minden Community Centre
July 13		Make It Minden Tuesday Night, Minden Fire Department will display trucks & Equipment	Municipal Parking Lot
July 13 & 15	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks	Cultural Centre
July 16	5-7pm	Lions Spaghetti Dinner	Lions Hall
July 16	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 20 & 22	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks	Cultural Centre
July 20	6pm-Dusk	Make It Minden Tuesday Night, Minden Community Church street dance	
July 22 & 29	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks	Cultural Centre
July 23	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 27 & 28		Tuesday-Rides only-starting a 5pm Wednesday- Rotary Games-ReMax Hot Air Balloon Rides -Carnival Rides Rotary Summer Festival Municipal Parking Lot Minden	
July 28		Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition	Gallery
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Friends helped Molly Ferguson plant wildflowers atop the roof of her cordwood cottage on Little Glamour Lake on June 19.

Raising the environmental roof

Column and photos by Chad Ingram

Last Saturday, Molly Ferguson invited some friends to her cottage to plant wildflowers.

On her roof.

Tucked away in the bush outside of Gooderham, Ferguson's Little Glamour Lake cottage is an oval-shaped cordwood structure with a roof that is, well, a garden.

"It was a sod roof before," Ferguson said, but explained that the weeds had gotten to be a couple of metres tall and since she is looking to sell the place,

thought wildflowers might be nicer.

The roof is constructed of a membrane of "hot tar and some kind of plastic," that allows it to hold vegetation without leaking or damaging the building, Ferguson said.

Ferguson and her husband, who lived their lives in Toronto, bought 450 acres on Little Glamour Lake in the 1960s.

They had 200 logs with which to construct their cottage and while Ferguson

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It looks like a stone wall

from page 10

said the couple had envisioned a more traditional structure, once an architect friend showed them his drawings for the unusual home, they were in.

Cordwood construction means making walls from slices of log and mortar.

"From the road, you think it's stone," Ferguson said.

And you do.

The home has been featured in a cover story in *Cottage Life* magazine as well as Canadian architect publications, copies of which Ferguson has on her coffee table.

She and her husband went on to subdivide some 36 lots from their 450 acres, but Ferguson said they would always make buyers sign covenants promising to put buildings and septic tanks a good distance from the lake, even before such setbacks were common.

"We were always environment-minded," she said.

While describing herself as "old," Ferguson had no problem getting up and down a ladder to help her neighbours with the rooftop planting.

"I'm just grateful for the help," she said.



Molly Ferguson's cottage consists of cordwood construction, which combines slices of log with mortar.



Molly Ferguson surveys the freshly planted wildflowers on the roof of her cordwood cottage.



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Doll maker brings whimsical designs to Fleming

Column by Jenn Watt

For 15 years, Kate Church has been making intricate, delicate dolls out of her Nova Scotia studio.

Sometimes they're dancing, sometimes they're playing, sometimes they're redressed up in little bee costumes and just sitting around, but all of her figures have the same sense that they're just about to do something – just about to come alive.

"They're kind of suspended in a moment in time and they could take another step. There is an animation about what I do," said Church in an interview.

Starting July 5, Church will be teaching a weeklong course on doll-making at Fleming's Haliburton School of the Arts, where she'll be transferring her knowledge to a group of eager students.

"We're going to do a learning doll, initially. Everyone gets put through the steps: here's my process, here's an eye, here's a mouth," she said.

"You're not teaching a required course, so ... [students] are always excited, interested – sponges, really."

Church grew up in Thornhill, Ont., and went to the Rhode Island School of Design for a bachelor of fine arts.

"I was a textile design student in art school many, many years ago and I followed that into doing painted cloth, costume design, clothing design and ended up working in a children's theatre company doing the textile stuff for them, costumes and sets and stuff," she said.

"While I worked there I dressed all the

puppets and became quite enamoured with puppetry and the art form of the puppet. So, that sort of led me to make one of my own little characters.

"That was the beginning right then and there. I was fascinated and involved in this process of making these dolls and I've never stopped making them," she said.

Church adored the east coast, and when on a trip to Nova Scotia, fell in love with the place and has lived there for the past 30 years.

She's excited to come to Fleming after hearing so much about it from friends.

"I've heard of the school, I know people who have

taught there, people have always said you should go or teach," she said.

The doll-making workshop should yield at least two figures for each student, since there is time not only to learn the basics, but to take the skills and develop the character of the doll.

Church's dolls each have a unique quality, like individual people, that seem to have real thoughts going on behind their polymer clay faces.

"I've always fallen back into something that is light, but quite powerful. [The art is] done on an emotional level," she said.

To see Church's work, go to www.katechurch.com. To find out more about Fleming College's summer courses, go to www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca or call 1-866-353-6464 or 705-457-1680.



Doll maker Kate Church will be teaching weeklong course this summer.

Harcourt hosts first Canada Day festivities

Column by Darren Lum

Harcourt is painting the town red in celebration of Canada's dominion for the first time this year.

On July 1, Harcourt will come alive with a carnival" atmosphere to usher in the 144th birthday for Canada. The event will be hosted at the ball diamond, the Harcourt Community Centre and the South Algonquin Cookhouse.

This event is scheduled to start with a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., pony rides, live entertainment, close to 50 classic cars, a horseshoe tournament, a variety of artisans (native mask maker, chainsaw sculptor, jewelers, a horse drawn wagon ride, a variety of vendor booths, barbecue ribs, a dunk tank and a fireworks show to end the event at dusk.

Co-organizer Cheryl Bolger lived in Ottawa the past several years and wanted to bring the same atmosphere of celebration she experienced on Canada Day to Harcourt.

"There is just not enough celebration [in general]. It's a great excuse for a huge family day celebration," she said.

"When we were in Ottawa we would go and see the big park celebrations. You'd have a band up there [on stage]. The kids would just be dancing up on the grass and playing."

Bolger and co-organizer Tammy Donaldson, including local residents and area businesses have been working hard to keep the event free of charge.

The confirmed entertainment that starts at 4 p.m. is a cover band from Bancroft called Powder Keg, who will perform songs by the Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Eagles.

Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton is scheduled to be on the proverbial hot seat in the dunk tank and is excited for the opportunity.

Burton doesn't mind being the target and is supportive of the event since he is a longtime resident.

She has one stipulation for the fireworks before they are launched.

"We're going to make everybody sing O Canada before we light the fireworks off," she said.

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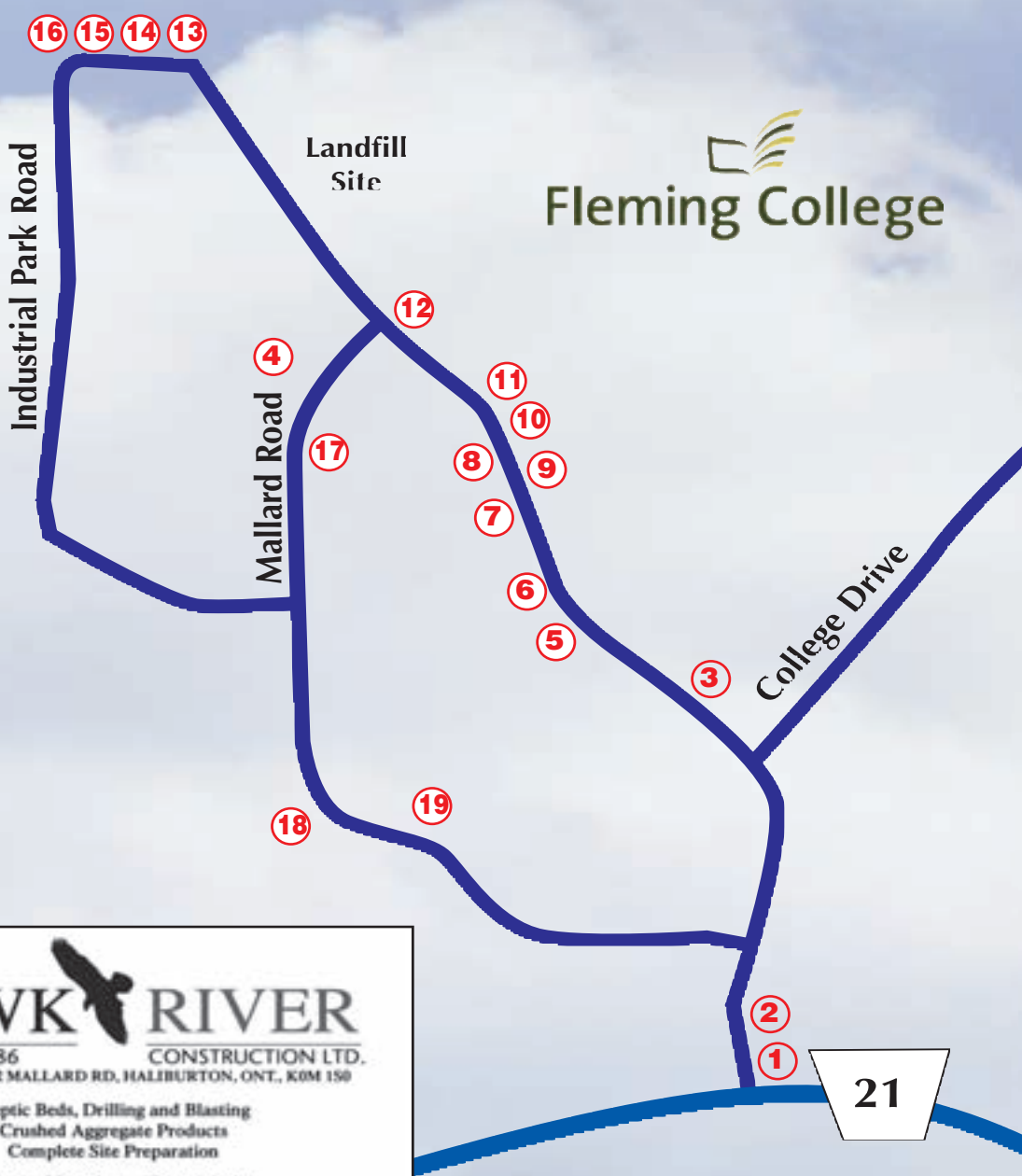
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Have you seen the Highland Wheeler?

by Darren Lum

For the last 100 years there have been numerous sightings of a mysterious figure on a bicycle known as the Highland Wheeler.

Some say they've seen him while others are not so sure.

The Highland Wheeler has been documented in a series of documentary videos led by Jack Brezina, who was the narrator and documentary maker.

These videos will explore the recent OPP forensic findings explaining the history surrounding the Highland Wheeler through interviews.

"They've seen something and what it is I'm not sure," Brezina said. "However they believe it and the audience will just have to judge for themselves when they see the documentary series."

The documentary is a joint effort between the Haliburton County tourism department and the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition with funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Haliburton County Tourism and the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition.

The aim of this series is to not only understand the Highland Wheeler, but to promote the area as a destination for great cycling for all skill Sue Shikaze of the coalition said.

"With each episode it's about the Highland Wheeler, but there is also a message about cycling, about Haliburton County so it's meant to be a creative and fun way to promote the county as a cycling destination," Shikaze said.

Amy Brohm of Haliburton County tourism department believes this series will also benefit families, including avid and new cyclists.

"Cycling is a great thing to promote because it's something that anybody can do and we do have a great area for cycling. Some people are worried about [riding] on the big highways, but when you get on the back



A new documentary video series about the Highland Wheeler is available on YouTube and has been a topic of debate for the past 100 years. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Highland Wheeler Collection.

roads it's great for cycling. They're quieter and you can find routes for families," she said, adding that the county has more challenging routes, including trails for trail riding.

The video project idea came from another documentary series posted on YouTube about the Weavers of Pennsylvania, who are an elite group of cyclists exclusive to that state. Shikaze and Brohm saw the docu-

mentary at a cycling conference held earlier in the year in Toronto.

The video and production work was completed by the Highland Media Arts.

The first few episodes of an undetermined number of episodes were launched to a public audience at the Rails End Gallery on Saturday, June 26. Expect to find the videos on YouTube.

Copies of the video will be available at the Haliburton County office for those without Internet access.

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The future of our wetlands

Do we even know?

In the County of Haliburton, the greatest threat to wetlands and their natural functions and features has been, and will continue to be impacts related to development.

As one travels through the county of Haliburton, it is fairly obvious that developmental pressure has increased. Properties continue to be severed and new houses are constructed.

Along the lakeshores retirees are constructing permanent residents where once were seasonal cottages or vacant lots.

As available lakeshore property fronting optimal swimming and boating conditions becomes scarcer the pressure shifts into quieter bays and smaller lakes typically dominated by marshes filled with lily pads and pondweeds. Similarly away from the lakes, fill is pushed into the edges of treed swamps to create grassy backyards.

New roads and clearcutting to accommodate the development, pass in close proximity to even more wetlands, thereby providing an opportunity for invasive species, such as purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), to make their move into our pristine wetlands.

Does it really matter if a few small wetlands here and there are filled in and we pass a little too closely to a couple more?

In order to answer these questions we really need to look at the larger picture and examine whether the pro-



The biggest threat to Haliburton's wetlands is development. /Photo by Jenn Watt

vincial or municipal strategy can account for such losses ... assuming there is a strategy.

Let's look at what has happened over the last few decades. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, once proactive in the protection and conservation of our natural heritage, was crippled in the 1990s by a lack of resources, and many of their responsibilities were passed down to the municipalities.

In 1997, the Haliburton County strategic plan and vision were developed clearly stating that a sustainable natural environment was a priority.

The Ontario government directed municipalities to ensure that there would be no negative impacts to any provincially significant wetlands from any development. Unfortunately at that time there were only three identified provincially significant wetlands in the County of Haliburton and no provincial policy protecting the remaining tens of thousands.

In 2003, the county of Haliburton adopted an official plan that stated that locally significant wetlands would be identified by local official plans and protected against

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One of the biggest challenges is locating the wetlands

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incompatible uses.

All local official plans now identify other potentially significant wetlands and provide some protection by prohibiting development within the wetland unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts.

One of the biggest challenges facing municipalities is locating the wetlands. Although some wetland mapping exists – and has been improved on significantly over the last few years – the available wetland mapping is still incomprehensive.

Therefore site evaluations are the only way to determine for certain the presence and boundaries of a wetland. Unfortunately, many development and severance applications are still approved without a site evaluation.

In 2005, the provincial government revised their protection to provincially significant wetlands found within our area by stating that no development is allowed within the wetland.

Three more wetlands were evaluated within the county of Haliburton and designated provincially significant.

In 2010, the County of Haliburton made amendments to the Official Plan prohibiting development within any identified wetland unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts.

So the trends of the past indicate the threats to our wetlands are steadily increasing and the policies protecting our wetlands are becoming more solid.

Of course the big question is: which is in the lead? Are we being reactive, that is responding to the immediate and obvious threats, or are we being proactive and planning for an environmentally healthy future?

The county of Haliburton does not have a natural heritage plan – identifying core habitats and linking these habitats to ensure sustainability – and therefore I believe we are being reactive. Granted, the challenges facing the municipalities over the last couple of decades have been astronomical and we have come a long way in regard to

our environment, however being reactive is not enough.

Focusing just on the biology of wetlands, many species use both wetlands and uplands and the core upland habitat for frogs, salamanders and turtles ranges from 130 to 290 metres from the wetland.

Land-use within 400 m of the wetland edge can affect the biodiversity of the wetland. It is not reasonable to assume we can protect 400 m around every wetland, or no development would be allowed within the county. However, we do need to ensure this habitat is available somewhere in the county and in sufficient amounts to sustain our wildlife populations. And what about the hydrological functions of wetlands?

The pressures will only increase and without a natural

heritage plan, our ecological landscape will continuously become more fragmented. Wetlands will be compromised without comprehension of the cumulative impact at the municipal or provincial scale. The municipalities must develop a big picture approach or the wetland treasures of the county will be lost, one by one.

Submitted by Paul C. Heaven

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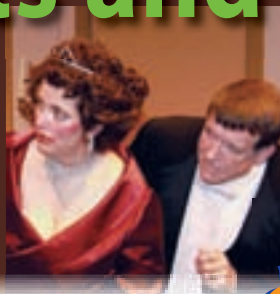
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- If you are bringing children, always keep an eye on

them. When hiking, it is wise to keep children between adults.

• Before you leave home, discuss bears with children. Teach children simple things like making sure they can always see an adult; to never approach a bear or other animals; to never run from a bear and if they see a bear to stay calm and call for help.

• If you plan on bringing a dog, verify whether there are any rules that prohibit dogs or require them to be on a leash.

• All food odours can attract bears. Pack all food, including dog food, with special care. Double or triple bag food to reduce smells. Consider choosing meals that require minimal preparation.

• Think about how you will handle your garbage, and how you will keep your campsite clean and odour free.

• Pack a couple of long ropes for hanging your food pack. Practise hanging a pack before you go.

• Think about bringing a whistle, air horn, long-handled axe or bear spray. If you bring bear spray, know how to use it.

• The Ministry of Natural Resources or Ontario Parks can provide general information about recent campsite or route closures due to bear problems. Keep in mind, however, that bear activity cannot be predicted.

At your campsite:

• If you are going to an Ontario Park or a private campground, follow advice provided by their staff.

• No matter where you camp, always pack out all garbage from the backcountry and use bear-resistant containers where available.

• Do everything you can to eliminate or reduce odours from yourself, your camp, your clothes and your vehicle.

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Cardiff Elementary School celebrated the last week of school by letting its students loose on the property to take part in its annual fun day, on June 21. Organizers divided the student body into seven teams. They participated in a beach ball relay, a ribbon sticks race, an obstacle course, parachute with balls, a three-legged race, and a bean bag toss (that Autumn demonstrates, above). The team with the most points at the end of the event got ribbons and bragging rights. The school wraps up its academic year on June 28 with its graduation ceremony at the community hall.

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Common cause

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

These days, there seems to be an awful lot of dissention among those who enjoy the outdoors. The value of hunting and fishing is often questioned; but then so too is the rationale behind pure, non-consumptive use. Then, there is the ongoing motorized versus non-motorized debate as well as the occasional bit of sniping between full-time residents and cottagers. And so it goes – for every issue there are at least two, often wildly divergent, sides. The outdoors has become politicized and polarized.

I've always believed this to be a great mistake and a waste of energy for everyone involved. After all, at the root of all this, at the issue's very core, is the fact that most of us chose to live or visit this place because of the outdoors. We might have different perspectives regarding use, but we all have essentially the same goal – to immerse ourselves in a healthy, natural and prosperous ecosystem.

No thoughtful person from any of those groups would wish intentional harm to this area's natural beauty – the last thing a hunter or angler wants, for instance, is a crash in any native fish or animal population. Just as no true hiker wants a manicured trail where flora and fauna are nowhere in sight. In fact, for the most part, everyone who is truly committed to the outdoors puts money, time, or effort into preserving or protecting it in ways they view as important. Each of us cherishes the land-



Every one of us can and should do their own part to make the Highlands the best it can be. Erect a nesting box for birds or simply pick up the garbage you see on the ground.

scape and diversity around us. We are all hoping to do the right thing.

But what is the right thing? Some would say that in order to preserve what we have, we must leave the smallest footprint, essentially protecting or even closing off areas from at least some of humankind's influence. Others would argue that we should improve

access into remote places so we can appreciate them more. Their attitude is "Why should I care about a place I will never have a chance to see or experience?" And that's valid too. Obviously, we're dealing with complex issues. Please one group, you probably offend another.

Fortunately, there are simple things we can all agree on. These things are the common ground on which we can build. Picking up after yourself, or even others, on the trail or at the boat launch is one example. Lending a hand in local conservation initiatives is another. This could mean donating money to a worthy organization that's doing good habitat work. It might also mean putting up wood duck, bluebird or mallard nest boxes in the spring. It might simply consist of stopping (when it is safe) to move a turtle off of the road. Whether it is these things or the act of building kestrel house, bat boxes, or a host of other helpful wildlife projects, it really doesn't matter. Each of these initiatives shows a reverence and respect for the outdoors. Every one is a positive thing that anyone from any group can do and be proud of. They serve us, and more importantly, the wildlife around us very well.

When I see any one of these things, I truly appreciate it. I don't question motives; I don't look for fault. I'm simply inspired to do more of the same. And, hopefully, if I do something similar, others, even those who don't necessarily approve of my point of view, might also feel inspired.

How could they not? After all, these little efforts are towards a common cause. The politics and polarization are left on the wood shop floor.

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The mice in my life

Column by Jo-Ann Sloan

There are three encounters in my life that I wish someone would erase from my memory forever. They are encounters with creatures that haunt me, my most un-favourite things about the cottage – mice.

My fear began back in my childhood years when summer vacations were spent at my grandparents' cottage on the Trent Canal water system near Beaverton, Ont. Our cottage days were filled with family gatherings and the most memorable times that will remain with me always.

One summer, my father decided to alter our plans and take us on a side trip to his hunting camp near Wilberforce.

At that time I was around 10 years of age and the road trip seemed like hours and hours of car travel. I remembered a stop by a side creek for a swim and never witnessed such pure clean water trickling along in the

stream.

What beautiful country, I thought.

The air smelled so fresh and when the sun shone it bounced off the rocks and sparkled in the water. How adventurous – we were going to an old hunting camp. The camp was so far off the main road it felt like we were miles from people, stuck in the vast bush land. We ventured into the rustic one-room cabin decorated with very little furniture and in fact, very little of anything. The musty smell did not seem too bad once we were able to pry open a couple of windows to let in the summer air. There was an old cast iron cookstove in the corner of the room with a few remains from the wood pile for use if the evening or morning brought any dampness into the cabin.

I looked around and spotted a couple of beds and the one that struck my eye was the homemade bunk bed with supporting legs made from very thick tree stumps. My father



Who would guess such tiny mice would evoke such a negative reaction?

said "That's where you're sleeping tonight – in the top bunk in your sleeping bag."

After a day of travel and wandering through the camp property listening to my father tell his tiring tales of shooting deer (almost), it was time to "hit the hay."

I crashed on the top bunk and crawled comfortably into my sleeping bag. I felt very safe from anything – so I thought.

My mind was settling into thoughts of our next day's adventure to possibly include another trip to the crystal clear creek.

Not long after I drifted off with my old beagle dog, Joe, who was lying next to me on the floor, curled up in his own world, I felt the sudden rustling of something very small moving over top of my sleeping bag. Maybe my imagination just grew, maybe I only sensed something, or maybe it was real. Oh yes, it had happened – it was a mouse and it ran right across the top of me which sparked frightful shivers that stirred through my entire body.

I screamed and frantically shook every limb of my body in a desperate attempt to send anything crawling on me into lift-off up in the air. A rodent was trying to invade my territory and interrupt my sleep- it was trying to kill me – it will eat me alive! From that day forward I developed one of my most intense fears.

Years had passed and I never went back to the camp and never seemed to be bothered by any small creatures of the night. At this point in my life, I now had two school-aged

children and it was my turn to venture into cottage country on summer vacations with them. I was fortunate enough to rent a very rustic cottage near Wilberforce one summer, on my own with my son and daughter. I was entering mouse territory again but it never really crossed my mind as the beautiful surroundings, the warm air and a lakefront hide-away were all overwhelming. It was like living a dream. The kids were so excited about spending time up north and we arrived safely at the cottage after having travelled on our final stretch through a rough and rugged road. Again, it felt like miles away from anyone.

We unpacked, settled in quickly and immediately headed for the dock. I was happy to sit back in a chair just to soak up sunshine, while the kids became engaged in their cannonball contest back and forth from water to dock and dock to water. It was soon time for lunch and I was able to rummage up the classic peanut butter and jam sandwich for each of us along with our favourite cold drinks. The day carried us through entirely with outdoor activities and before long it was time to head indoors into the kitchen for dinner preparation.

It was holiday time and we decided on simple dinner preparations during our vacation. I discovered the pots and pans cupboard that consisted of exactly one large pot and one small pot. Macaroni and cheese was on the menu for day one. Stress-free cooking was such a

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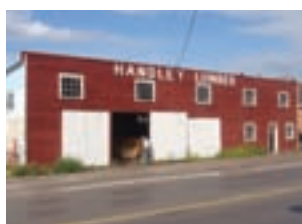
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Small animals evoke such large screams

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treat and anything simple was a vacation. As the water reached boiling temperature in the pot with the macaroni, it was soon time to add the cheese and I started to open up the package. Without any warning an unwanted guest arrived on the counter-top and scurried right along in front of me. The mice had arrived and they were coming for supper!

I do not remember much after that point except for my kids listening to the loudest of all screams coming from their mother as they watched in horror – mom standing on top of the kitchen table armed with a broom.

My appetite had completely disappeared and I do not even remember if the kids were fed. At this point I had no experience in setting traps and there was no one around to offer any express lessons on trapping these creatures.

Things settled down after a few hours and we were all tired from the day. The kids were lost in drawing pictures and reading while I sat with my feet up trying to remain calm as nightfall approached. I was on guard.

Before long, the attack came again.

There was not one but two, no, three, or was it four of them running all over the place – on top of counters-on top of the woodstove and on top of window ledges. “That’s it kids, we are not sleeping in this cottage tonight,” I said.

So off we ventured up the hill to the driveway and put all our sleeping gear in the back of my tiny hatchback car where we spent the first night of our vacation. The next morning we raced into town for a few supplies and I pleaded with the local grocer to tell me where I could borrow a cat for a few days. I am sure he thought I was some lunatic mother who was unable to control her mouse rage. I did not get a cat then, I did not get a trap and I did not sleep well the rest of the week’s vacation.

Years passed and I am now an owner along with my husband, of the cottage that we vacationed at long ago. Throughout my time as cottage owner, I was educated on the best mouse-trapping devices available to mankind. The warfarin, the electrical outlet method, the live trapping of mice, the peanut-butter in bucket of water with ramp method and the best of all – the simple mouse trap with bait of cheese or peanut butter.

During the final stages of our major cottage renovations, we had entered into another summer season of particularly high mouse population in the region. Every cottager around the lake was suffering from the same nuisance. Mousetraps have become a part of our supplies and we have become experts at trapping.

One early morning this past summer, I awoke to hear my dog trotting around in the kitchen growling and barking.

I knew by the sounds of his footsteps that he was on a chase for something. Yes, it was a mouse and he was on the loose – *inside*.

The dog’s barking scared him off and there was no sign of anything. So I thought. By this point, the smell of morning coffee had entered my mind. It was time to be brave and time to make coffee.

I was on guard and I was careful. Every step I took, my head was turning from side to side like a lighthouse. Just as I was about to put coffee into the maker, a little grey vermin raced out from behind the counter within inches of my big toes and headed straight for the back of the dog crate.

My screaming was now echoing across the lake and

I immediately went into a ballerina dance on tip toes right out the cottage door. “Get that thing out of my kitchen!” I yelled to my husband.

He was not pleased with all of the commotion. He shuffled out of the bedroom with partially opened eyes, scratching himself, and told me to be calm, that the mouse had left the building.

That was the end of his heroism and it was now time to put my brave face back on and get back into that cottage. I was able to get my coffee, race to the living room with my mug and tightly curl up on the couch. It was probably best to focus myself on something different so I picked up my novel and tried my hardest to get lost in the story. The book was trembling and my hands a little sweaty, but I managed to read a few pages and sip on my morning coffee. My eyes soon began to shift around and suddenly I said to myself – “Why did the good Lord make me a mouse magnet?” Right then and within four feet of my body, he was back again and this time he stopped in his tracks under the rocking chair and stared me right in the eye. My acrobatic back-flip enabled me to immediately fly off the couch, spill my coffee and head straight for the door again.

That mouse was not leaving – not this time and maybe never! He needed to be destroyed.

His new hiding area was at this point behind the dishwasher and there he would remain, not venturing out, not moving. The traps were set but as far as I was concerned, not enough.

We needed more – maybe hundreds. At least I knew I needed more ammunition and so I slipped on my runners and drove straight to town to load up on more mouse traps. I was able to find some calm on the way back from town and remembered my yoga breathing exercises so I could focus and gain back my bravery. When I entered into the kitchen and glanced at the floor,

it was over – the chase had ended and his little life was terminated. The trap had worked. I actually started to feel sorry for the little fellow and wished he had more brains than trying to make friends with this family.

But the victory was not complete and there remained one more task at hand. I had to pick up the trap with the mouse attached and discard him into the forest.

“You can do this!” my husband hollered to me. “Take hold of your fears!” I slowly slipped on a pair of my husband’s working gloves and headed for the trap. It took every ounce of effort and steel-coated nerves to lift up the trap with mouse attached and race for the outdoors.

Boy, I did wish for 10-foot arms at that point! With a clumsy trot and stumbling over rocks and rough ground, I soon hit the woodpile situated 30 or 40 feet from the cottage door. There I placed the trap with body included ready for any animal of the night to feast on or take it away to “mouse heaven.” It was all over.

And so those are my encounters and even though I still remain fearful I do believe there has been slight improvement on my initial realizations of these very ugly invasive tiny souls. They will always be there and the battles will always continue, hopefully of a lesser kind.

And as every cottage season comes around with the first scent of spring air hosted by a multitude of green forest, the first sip of coffee on my dock as the morning sun appears, the sound of the first motor boat on the lake, along with the first loon’s welcoming sounds, the first dip into the water that creates those shivers, the first smell of wood burning from the bonfire and the first greetings to our cottage friends on the lake, there will always be amongst the favourite and grateful things in my cottage life, ... mice... in my life.

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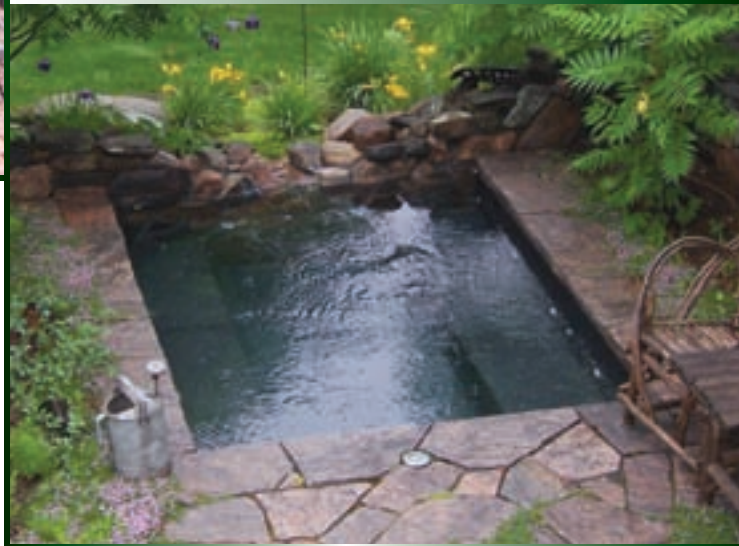
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Election candidates make appearance at Horseshoe Lake AGM

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Several candidates for the Minden Hills election stopped by the Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association annual general meeting for a question and answer session held on June 26 at the Wild Water Preserve.

With the upcoming election slated for this October, the meeting gave Horseshoe Lake residents and cottagers the opportunity to address current council members and candidates on issues surrounding the municipality.

Reeve Jim McMahon and current reeve candidate and Councillor Barb Reid were first on the agenda, answering questions regarding the municipality's finance committee, the Minden Hills water tower and the speed limit on certain roads.

Both McMahon and Reid fielded questions and concerns while promising to follow up on certain issues with municipality personnel.

"You will be happy to know that the municipality recently saved approximately \$250,000 on the water tower project," said McMahon.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Schell similarly discussed their commitment to the municipality and their intentions with the upcoming election.

"Honesty and integrity have served me well for the past 29 years I've been in politics," said Murdoch.

"I'm really proud with what this town has accomplished," said Schell, who represents the ward that encompasses Horseshoe Lake and its residents.

Further issues addressed included recent developments with Lutterworth Pines and taxes.

"Fill us in on Lutterworth Pines," asked one gentleman present at the meeting, "why is this happening?"

"Because the ministry forced us to take it over and fix it," said Murdoch. "We had no choice and had to take responsibility for that."

Another person inquired how much of the tax revenue comes from waterfront properties.

"From Ward 2 about 70 per cent," said in Reid.

Following the candidates, the meeting included a presentation by Martin Rist of the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow.

Rist updated residents on the low water level issues, which has been concerning residents of the entire county for the past several months.

"I'd like to say I brought the rain today to fill up the lake but that's not true," said Rist.

"We were really concerned about a month ago."

Rist says the situation has improved since then however CEWF continues to monitor the developments and updates are consistently being provided on the coalition's website, www.cewf.ca.

Other developments brought up during



Jim Ross, President of the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association, stands next to the association's logo at the annual general meeting, held on June 26 at the Wild Water Preserve.

Angelica Blenich
Times staff

the meeting included a financial and membership update, as well as a report from the lake steward and the progress of an official lake plan.

As of June 26, the association had 226 members, with memberships still available.

"Financially speaking we are in good shape," said treasurer John Dippell. "Ideally we should have \$25,000 set aside in case a pressing issue comes along, sort of like an emergency fund."

An official lake plan, which began in 2008, was still being constructed under the supervision of Mike Hunter.

"We're fortunate here on Horseshoe Lake," said Hunter. "We have good owners."

An intent to amend the association's constitution was brought forth by president Jim Ross. A recommendation to increase the number of association directors from six to 10 was also made.

"We're not trying to reinvent it," said Ross, "we're just trying to make it functional."

The members present at the meeting unanimously agreed to the amendment, with Ross indicating the update would be included in the association's next newsletter.

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Kinmount jams at third annual country musical festival

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The third annual Kinmount Kountry Jamboree festival held from June 24 to the 27 couldn't have gone off without the support of many dedicated volunteers.

Greg Barrington, chair of the jamboree organizing committee, attributes much of the event's success to the hard work from individuals who want to see the festival succeed.

"The volunteers are amazing," said Barrington. "They're the real heroes of this event."

The multi-day jamboree consists of a

number of musical acts along with an open mike portion of the event. This year's headliner was Tommy Cash, brother of the world-renowned Johnny Cash.

"He put on one heck of a show," said Barrington. "He also sang a duet with Madison Kozak, a singer from Lindsay. He's a great supporter of local talent."

Prior to his performance, Cash and his band were provided with a home-cooked meal made by some of the festival's dedicated volunteers.

"He said it was one of if not the best meal he's had on the road so far," said Barrington.

Another popular aspect to the event is the opportunity for local performers to get on stage during the open mike segment.

"The talent in this area is unbelievable," said Barrington.

This year the Kinmount fairgrounds were packed with more than 200 trailers during the event along with additional visitors during the days. Barrington estimates that the Cash concert alone attracted 350 walk-in visitors.

"There may have been more people here if the rain held off but we definitely surpassed our numbers from last year," said Barrington.



Angelica Blenich Times staff

The venue was packed with enthusiastic music lovers at the third annual Kinmount Jamboree held on June 26-27. The weekend festivities included several musical concerts, including headliner Tommy Cash, as well as an open mic portion of the event. Gloria Downer-Pearson, left, and Greg Barrington, were on hand for the event. Barrington was the chairperson of the organizing committee for this year's jamboree.

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Dennis Casey will be around the County of Haliburton meeting with business owners to complete The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce business research survey.

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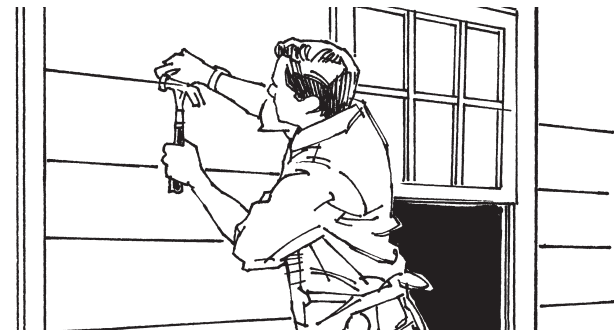
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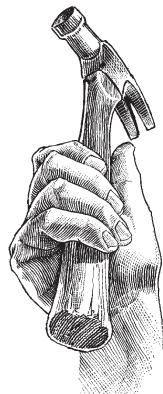
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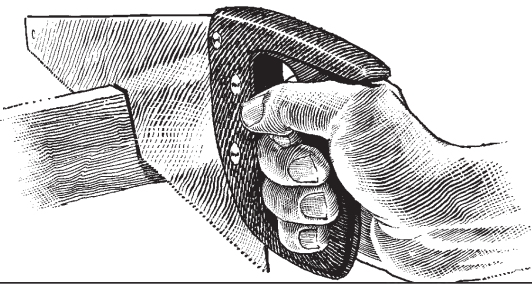
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Darren Lum Times staff

Docks on Riverwalk must be fixed up

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden residents with docks along Riverwalk may be asked to fix them

up, or the township will tear them down.

At a June 24 meeting, Minden Hills councillors voted to adopt a set of minimum standards for docks on municipal rights-of-way within the

township.

"Given the increased use of the Riverwalk, it is of concern to the municipality that these docks are kept in a safe condition in order to avoid any liability on the part of the landowner or the township," community services director Rick Cox wrote in a memo to council.

Cox told councillors last week that the bylaw "won't be a popular option to take."

The minimum standards require that the dock platform and its supports be structurally sound; that the dock be securely anchored to the shoreline (rope doesn't count); that shoreline access

to the dock be ramped with no hazardous gaps; and that the dock contain no sharp metal protrusions.

The owners of docks that Cox or township chief building official Ken Jones deem do not meet the minimum standards will be given 45 days to make the required repairs or the docks will be removed at the expense of the municipality.

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Highlands group now officially Toastmasters

Jenn Watt
Editor

Four years ago, during the last municipal election, retired minister Norm Thomas sat at the back of a public forum, straining to hear the candidates deliver their platforms.

The 13 candidates at Archie Stouffer Elementary School didn't get their points across very well and Thomas thought he might be able to help.

So he organized a speech-craft workshop, advertised in the newspaper, and got one response.

"The years went by and then Betty [Legacey] called," Thomas told the Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters Club Wednesday night. Legacey wanted to start a Toastmasters group in Minden.

Over the year, a core group of Minden and Haliburton residents have come together with a common goal of improving their public speaking and communication skills and on June 23 they were officially welcomed to Toastmasters International by district governor, Michelle Rich, who handed out charter papers.

"You'll see yourself grow and others will also see that growth in you," Rich told the gathered group at the Pine-stone Resort.

"It's about networking, it's about friendship ... about being a part of a group of like-minded people Take advantage of everything Toastmasters has to offer," she advised new members.

Adhering to their schedule, club members took turns at the front of the room giving toasts, telling jokes and engaging in a group game called "table topics" where members have to present on a surprise topic for one to two minutes.



Jenn Watt Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters executive celebrated receiving their charter June 23. From left, Linda Voycey, Max Ward, Audrey Roberts, Bill Kulas, Sybil Roodenburg, Lynda Litwin and Roy Haig.

\$62,000 in funding for *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo*

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, announced \$61,989 in funding for the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times*.

"Our government is proud to support our publishing industry through the Canada Periodical Fund," said Moore. "Community newspapers play a vital role in their communities by reflecting the values and interests of Canadians."

"The *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times* are newspapers that contribute to the vitality of the communities they serve by reporting local news and telling stories that are of interest to them," said Devolin. "I am pleased to see the government of Canada supporting the growth of such community newspapers."

The government of Canada has provided funding of \$38,306 to the *Echo* and \$23,683 to the *Times* under the Aid to Publishers component of the Canada Periodical Fund.

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Notices



Haliburton County Council Notice of Special Meeting

The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a special Council meeting on July 7th, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. for purposes of discussing Rail Trail Corridor usage. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the County Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

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Breakfast get-together celebrates successful year

George Farrell
Special to the *Echo*

About 30 members of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network (HHWEN) showed up this past Sunday morning at the Red Umbrella Inn for the group's annual general meeting. They all enthusiastically tucked in to a fabulous breakfast buffet and then got down to business.

After the approval of the agenda and the minutes from the last AGM, management committee chairperson Marjorie Ludlow Green started with a review of the past year.

Green mentioned the participation of HHWEN writers at library functions in Gooderham and Kinmount, and credited members Maria Trautman, Rev. Janet Stobie, Robert K. Smith, Margot Roberts and Sharon Lawrence (R.D. Lawrence reprint); all of whom held book launches during the past year.

While Green acknowledged that there is still work to be done in the areas of encouraging skill in writing, fostering literacy and offering support to writers in less populated areas of the county, she went on to outline the activities that kept HHWEN members busy, including the first R.D. Lawrence Literary Festival, the short story contest, the Books Alive event, A Writers' Christmas at the Peppermill, Poetry Workshops, and Live Poets in the Pub.

Green explained that this year, for the first time, the Writer In Residence program was a three-way arrangement with the R.D. Lawrence Place, the Haliburton County Public Library



As part of their AGM, happy and hungry HHWEN members waved for breakfast at the Red Umbrella Inn this past weekend.

George Farrell
Special to the *Echo*

and HHWEN. The added clout guaranteed that this year's Writer in Residence Laura Redman, will be the first to receive a fee for her work on behalf of the county and writers and editors.

The financial statement revealed a small positive balance, with advertising, special writing projects and web page maintenance added to normal operating expenses. Green said that links to videos, recorded by Highlands Media Arts, of various guest readings, will be added to the website.

Returning to the management committee are Marjorie Green, K. Millard, Pat Brown, John Unrau, Sharon Lawrence and Peggy Kennedy.

Vice chair Hilda Clark is stepping down. Claire Sylvan and Bonita O'Neil put their names forward for positions on the committee. The two were accepted, along with the returnees.

HHWEN member and R.D. Lawrence coordinator Sheryl Loucks gave a comprehensive report concerning the R.D. Lawrence Place's involvement with HHWEN, and a year of successful programming. Loucks said that over half of the events at the RDLP involved members of HHWEN. One of the upcoming events she highlighted is the Neil Campbell book launch which will be held at the RDLP on Wednesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. Campbell has written a book

called *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, which highlights his life with the Brown Dog Jiggs, up on Sapsucker Ridge.

The HHWEN AGM and breakfast event closed with a humorous talk by Redman, who, through tales of her journalistic, photographic, creative writing and parenting skills showed a humanitarian side, including real concern for the welfare of newspaper staff members in larger centres.

A great time was had by one and all, and the future of the Haliburton Writers' and Editors' Network looks bright indeed, with a membership now numbering more than 60.

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Concerned Citizens Public Meeting

NO to
Enduro Motorcycles
on our County Rail Trail

Wed. June 30
7 pm
Fleming College
457-4767

Put your concerns on public record re: devaluation of public greenspace and adjacent properties, noise, extreme safety issues, accountability of County Council to the public good, loss of green recreation / tourism possibilities, etc.
Organized by public rail trail advocate Pamela Marsales on behalf of a coalition of interests



Chad Ingram Times staff

The Gull River is at such low levels that, for the first time, organizers of Gullfest have chosen not to hold the kayaking and music festival.

Third major river festival cancelled

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ercross, where participants simultaneously head down the course, as well as camping, music and barbecuing.

Gullfest has been happening for the past decade and it's the first time the event has been cancelled due to a lack of water.

It was the third major river festival Slot

knew of to be cancelled this year because of low water; organizers of the Marmora Area Canoe and Kayak Festival and Quebec's Kipawa River Rally have also announced their events will not be running.

Water levels throughout the county are lower than usual after a winter with little snow and a spring with little rain.

Notices



Township of Minden Hills

Notice to Members of the Public Wishing to Serve on Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee

The Clerk invites applications from members of the public who are interested in serving on the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee for the Township of Minden Hills.

Bill 212 has made certain amendment to the Municipal Elections Act 1996, as amended, one of which is the requirement for Council to appoint a Compliance Audit Committee. The Committee must be appointed no later than October 1st, 2010.

The Township of Minden Hills Compliance Audit Committee has full delegation of the authority in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, to address applications requesting an audit of a candidate's election campaign finances. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review applications and grant or reject audit requests
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the audit report
- Where indicated, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

The Compliance Audit Committee will consist of three members appointed by Council. Committee members must have the ability to understand and apply the election campaign finance provisions of the Municipal Elections Act and should be considered impartial with respect to their ability to fulfill their responsibilities. Preference shall be given to applicants who have applicable experience in accounting, law, law enforcement and academics from related fields. Remuneration is set at \$75.00/meeting.

Terms of Reference and an Application for this Committee can be accessed from the Township's website: www.mindenhills.ca (click onto 'Election 2010') or by attending the Township offices: 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Members of the public interested in serving on this Committee are asked to submit an application on the prescribed form, along with a resume, to the Clerk's Department **no later than Noon on Wednesday, July 30th, 2010**. Please mark confidential.

Mailing Address: Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0
Office Location: 7 Milne Street, Minden
Please contact Cheryl McCarroll at 705-286-1260 ext. 214 or cmccarroll@mindenhills.ca for further information.

Further savings sought

➤ \$250,000 can be taken off the cost of the tower without compromising 'integrity of the overall system'

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Hills considerable savings," the memo read. "At the present time, all parties are confident that a savings of a quarter of a million dollars have been found without jeopardizing the integrity of the overall system."

While DM Wills's original estimate for the entire water project was \$2.4 million, unanticipated increases in construction costs had pushed the cost up to \$3.4 million, ear-

lier this year.

Two thirds of the project is being paid for by the provincial and federal governments through the Building Canada Fund, but that funding maxes out at \$1.6 million since the township had used the original estimated project costs on its grant application. While the township had asked if it could use federal and provincial infrastructure money it had received for its Riverwalk project to cover the shortfall on the water tower, it was told by the feds that this was not an option. "Further savings to the project are being reviewed and considered," Brown said in the memo. The tower, which is to have a storage capacity of 1,500 cubic metres, is being constructed at the top of St. Germain Street.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS 5 YEAR OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Special Meeting of Council to discuss revisions that may be required to the current Township of Algonquin Highlands Official Plan:

WHEN: Thursday, July 29, 2010
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
WHERE: Municipal Office
1123 North Shore Road
Minden, Ontario

Algonquin Highlands 5 Year Official Plan Review

The Official Plan is the municipality's key planning document intended to guide and control future land use development in the municipality. The Township's Official Plan divides the municipality into various land use designations, such as Settlement Areas, Waterfront, Rural, Wilderness and others, with corresponding policies pertaining to development within each of these designations. The Official Plan also contains general policies relating to environmental management, resource protection, transportation, services and utilities.

The Township's Official Plan was approved in 2005 and the *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan Review be undertaken at least every five years to ensure that it does not conflict with provincial plans, is consistent with provincial policy statements, conforms to the County of Haliburton Official Plan and continues to reflect matters of interest to the community. The Township of Algonquin Highlands initiated the 5 Year Official Plan Review in the spring and an initial Public Open House was held on May 29, 2010, with the intent of introducing the process to the community and obtaining input in an informal manner.

Purpose of Special Meeting of Council

The Special Meeting of Council is required by the *Planning Act* and the purpose is to discuss revisions that may be required to the Township of Algonquin Highlands Official Plan and to obtain comment from the Public on these matters. This Meeting will be the second opportunity for the Public to provide input into the 5 Year Official Plan Review process.

We would welcome your input on this process either in writing or in person at the Special Meeting of Council. Any comments, information or questions should be directed to either of the Project Team members listed below:

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM 1
Municipal Clerk - Planning Administrator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd., R.R. #2
Minden, ON K0M 2K0
Phone: (705) 489-2379
Fax: (705) 489-3491
E-mail: abird@algonquinhighlands.ca

Greg Corbett, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner
PLANScape INC.
104 Kimberley Avenue
Bracebridge, ON P1L 1Z8
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Fax: (705) 645-4500
E-mail: gcorbett@planscape.ca

Dated this 14th day of June, 2010

HHSS students hold steady in literacy test

Jenn Watt
Editor

When the most important factor in standardized test success is socioeconomic status, it is a special achievement that the high school from one of the poorest counties in the province keeps up with the rest.

This year, 83 per cent of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 students succeeded on the province's standardized literacy test, nearly meeting the board and provincial rate of 84 per cent.

It's something to take pride in, Dr. Darrell Dobson, the school's literacy coach, says.

"I think we – the whole school, the whole town, the whole board – should feel very happy with the results that we had, because we have to remember always that the greatest indicator of success on standardized tests is socioeconomic status of the population and because we live in the county in the province

with the lowest socioeconomic indicators, for us to be anywhere near average means that, in fact, exceptionally positive things are happening in the school and our students are working very hard and doing very well," he says.

For students enrolled in academic level English courses, 97 per cent at HHSS passed, receiving a score of at least 300 out of 400. (Provincially, the 93 per cent of students in academic English were successful.)

For those in applied English the results were not as strong, with 61 per cent of all students passing the test. (Fifty-five per cent passed provincially.)

Since Haliburton actually has far more applied level students than the norm, the fact that its overall success rate was on par with the board and the province is a big achievement, Dobson says.

"We have twice the provincial average of applied level students," he says, "The applied level students, their board and provincial success rates are about 60 per cent as opposed to

the 98 per cent for the academic students, so when you take into account that we have twice as many – the population of those students is twice as large as the provincial average – and yet our scores were at the provincial average, that is just an indicator of how wonderful the kids are doing, how hard they're working and how the whole team here is being successful at integrating literacy activities across the curriculum."

Forty-two per cent of the HHSS Grade 10 population is enrolled in applied level courses, whereas provincially that percentage is 24.

Since Dobson began his work as literacy coach at the school, scores have risen from 75 per cent success in March 2008.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office of the Ontario government mandates students must pass the test in order to receive their high school diploma.

Since the tests are standardized, all students must answer the same questions, whether they are ready for it or not.

Special needs students historically have

lower success rates on the test.

At HHSS, 61 per cent of "fully participating" (excluding those absent or who deferred the test) special education students were successful, the same percentage as the board, while slightly higher than in the province.

"People are not standard, so it's a very blunt instrument, so we need to be careful about how we use it and we need to be careful about what kinds of conclusions we make based on its data," Dobson says of the varied results across ability levels at the school.

Students are also asked to fill out a questionnaire when they do the test. This year's results revealed that 94 per cent of students read websites, email and chat messages outside of school most weeks, while 75 per cent say the same of magazines, 74 per cent of fiction.

Likewise, 94 per cent of students report writing emails and chat messages outside of school most weeks, dwarfing the next closest answer – 44 per cent say they write notes, directions or instructions most weeks.

Notice



The Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Township of Minden Hills – 2010



NOTICE TO ALL RATEPAYERS

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

For the Ratepayers of the Township of Minden Hills
will be held on the following dates/times at the Scotch Line Landfill Site from
8:00 a.m. to 11:30a.m.

July 3rd
July 31st
Sept. 4th
Oct. 9th

For the Ratepayers of the TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS
For further information, please call:
(705) 286-1260 ext 216

For the Ratepayers of the Township of Algonquin Highlands
will be held on the following dates/times and at the following respective locations:

July 3rd	Dorset Landfill	1-5 pm
July 31st	Oxtongue Landfill	1-5 pm
Sept. 4th	Dorset Landfill	1-5 pm
Oct. 9th	Maple Lake Landfill	1-5 pm

For the Ratepayers of the TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUINHIGHLANDS
For further information, please call:
(705) 489-2379

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Rain date July 24th

GOOD CLEAN FUN

www.mindentimes.ca

Are you a culture vulture? Join the culture club

Feed children's imaginations this summer at Culture Club where they can meet huskies, hunt for gems in the forest, and swing a mallet in Heritage Olympics. This is so much fun, adults have asked to join in, so the Minden Hills Cultural Centre has expanded their Culture Club program this summer to Thursdays and Saturdays, with the latter being family friendly programs.

Culture Club is a day camp that runs every Thursday and Saturday for the months of July and August that combines art, heritage, environment, literature, music and drama. A variety of workshops and programs are offered for kids ages

five and up, such as creating 3-D art bugs, family drum-making, exploring oil pastels, and Pioneer Days. Children will learn a variety of arts and a wealth of local history, all at a vibrant four-acre complex that houses the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum, and R.D. Lawrence Place.

All of the events are facilitated by professional artists and leaders from our artistic community. The instructors' goals are to open the eyes of children and parents to their own creative potential, and nourish their imagination.

To register your child for a Culture Club program, check

out our website at www.mindenculturalcentre.com/cc_cultureclub.php, or call 286-2808, or drop into the Cultural Centre at 174-176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. You can also email culturalcentreinfo@mindenhills.ca.

Coming Events

MINDEN & DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S MEETING
July 6, 2010 at 7:00PM

Guest Speaker
"Karen Sloan"
Wild Flower Studio

Speaking on
"Flower Arranging - Tips for the Flower Show"

Demonstrations Included
(Flower show dates August 6 & 7, 2010)
Minden Community Centre

Treats of the Month
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Jessie 286-6505 or Rose 286-3157
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CREDIT CARD ORDERS - 1-800-782-5507



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Gail Holness
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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat/Sun
Sat., July 3 to Sun., July 4 and
Sat., July 10 to Sun., July 11

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Wintergreen is featuring MICHAEL PICKETT...Sat., July 10, 2x Juno nominee (acoustic, roots, blues, Americana)...dinner at 7, concert at 8 (reservations only).

Calendar of Events available. Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only. Wintergreen Pancake Barn #3325 Gelert Rd in Gelert (286-3202).

Also featuring...Boat Smart Exam Facility...by appt. only...call Paul Morin at 286-4360

Earthquakes and burgers



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

488-2938 Fax: 488-1246

email: brucefleury@nexicom.net

So where were you when the earthquake struck? Sitting in Beaverton's McDonald's we felt our table began to move. A very boisterous little boy over by the window received a stern parental warning to "stop shaking the table." He wasn't. I hope his family figured it out later.

The Music in the Park 2010 Summer Series kicks off this Thursday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park (picnic pavilion). Alex Saxby, singer and songwriter for the group Bucket of Shrimp Ears will be featured. This series, sponsored by the Kinmount and District Lions Club, will continue every Thursday evening through July and August. There is no charge just bring your lawn chair, family and friends for a great evening by the river in Kinmount.

It's strawberry season so come along to the strawberry supper this Saturday, July 3 at the Galway Hall on the Galway Road south of Kinmount just off 121.

Sponsored by the Hall Committee supper will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. with lots of fresh strawberries for dessert. Admission

is at the door.

For parents planning summer activities the Kinmount United Church will hold the VIBE Summer Camp 2010 each morning from Monday, July 19 to Friday, July 23. This half day program, an annual initiative of Lindsay Presbytery, United Church of Canada, operates from 9 a.m. to noon and is geared towards children six to 12 years old. Activities include arts and crafts, sing songs, active and quiet games, stories, Bible lessons, hikes, snacks and lots of fun. There is no charge but pre-registration is strongly recommended so please call 488-2938.

From the Legion branch 441 Kinmount a reminder that its ladies auxiliary will be running its children's family fun summer bingo again this year on Mondays beginning July 5. The Legion's Wednesday adult mixed summer drop in darts is already underway and open to players of all skill levels.

Another summer activity on the Kinmount menu is a series of Yoga classes on Friday mornings during July and August. The classes begin on July 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. The cost for the full series is \$99 and for more information/registration please call Gail at 455-9294.

"It's a Jungle Out There" is the Summer Reading Program this year at the Kinmount Public Library. Librarian Mary-

Anne Dobsi will lead two separate programs beginning Thursday, July 15, one from 11 a.m. to noon for children three to six years and a second from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for those seven to 11 years. Along with reading, games and crafts a weekly scavenger hunt challenges the participants to solve clues leading them to specific destinations in the Jungle of Kinmount. For preparation purposes it is helpful to have pre-registration by calling the Branch at 488-3199. While visiting the library please notice the front entrance changes made by CKL to increase accessibility for our residents.

Mark your calendars now for the second annual Kinmount Heritage Festival from July 14 through 18. Highlights include the very popular Ghost Tour with Guy Scott heading out from the Railway Station at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14. There is no charge and the rain date is July 21 same time, same station. The talent night revival livens the stage at the Kinmount Community Centre on Friday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, July 17 this year's Moonlight Mania, sponsored by the Kinmount Business Association, will be an all day event with Canoe FM broadcasting live on Main Street throughout the day. Be sure to pick up your passport and have it signed off at listed locations to enter the free draw for great prizes. For details on the many activities including Classic Cars and the first ever Soap Box Derby check out the next issue of the Gazette and the website at www.kinmount.ca. Note that the rain date will be July 24.

On Sunday, July 18, the final day of Heritage Week, Kinmount United Church will hold its Outdoor Service at 9:45 a.m. in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park with a complimentary barbecue to follow. Rail Trail tours on guided trolley rides start at 11 a.m. with the Rubber Ducky Race in support of the Special Olympics at 2 p.m.

Until next week...



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Gina Atkinson

489-1397

pinereflections@sympatico.ca

They're back!

Montreal's loss is our gain! Mark Christiano has been busy keeping his clients happy while travelling back and forth to Montreal visiting family.

But good news is that Claudette, River and Sage have moved back to Carnarvon.

Claudette is especially happy to be back, she tells me that she missed the environment and the people. Well, Claudette, welcome back, we have missed you too!

On their first weekend back, Claudette took her son Sage and daughter River to the Kinmount County Jamboree which turned out to be quite memorable.

River who happens to be a talented young lady of 10 bravely got up and sang "Over the Rainbow" and "Those Memories". Stardom is just around the corner.

This Saturday, the Zion United Church is having their annual Bake Sale starting at 9:30 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase delicious goodies made by our own community Betty Crockers.

Have a great week!

Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Out to Learn are excited to announce another season of their highly anticipated Stewardship Discovery Days and Junior Naturalist Camps.

Stewardship Discovery Days are fun, educational and interactive sessions about local ecosystems and natural features in Haliburton County. There are six sessions throughout July and August, which are held on Wednesdays. The exciting topics that will be covered are:

- Wildlife CSI
- Wings over the Highlands
- Geocaching: A GPS Treasure Hunt!
- Traditional Native Stories of the Land
- In Search of Haliburton Gold, and
- Why Wetlands?

To register, or for more information, contact Barrie at 754-3436 or bmartin@outtolearn.ca Registration is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 18, and \$30 for a family, which includes two adults and two children, \$5 per additional child.

Junior Naturalist Camps are half-day camps dedicated to educating up-and-coming naturalists, ages 7-10, about our local natural resources. Kids will explore the meaning and importance of habitat, and what it means to different species, as well as exploring the wonderful worlds of Beavers, Trees, Owls and Wolves. Two camp sessions are available for summer 2010, the first running from July 26 to July 30, and the second from Aug. 9 to Aug. 13.

Camps run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. Fees are \$30 per child per week, or \$7 per child per single session. For more information, or to enrol, please contact Irene Heaven

via Tel: 286-3181, or email: iheaven@outtolearn.ca

To obtain more information on these, or any other Stewardship programming, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council Intern at 705-286-5205, or via email: hhsc.intern@gmail.com or visit our website at www.ontariostewardship.org/haliburton.

Have your say

Send your **Letter to the Editor**

by **Monday**

at 3 p.m. to editor@mindentimes.ca

Coming Events

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar** link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• **June 29: Le Club de francais** – last meeting before summer at Fleming College, from 7-8:30 pm - Venez s'amuser, discuter, chanter, jouer et manger en francais. 754-1294

• **June 30: Haliburton County's Historical Society's First Meeting at 1:30 pm** - Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Road and Hwy 118. Guest speaker is the Executive Director of the Ontario Historical Society.

• **June 30: Welcome Summer Backyard Party at the Minden OEYC!** – Let's celebrate Canada Day and the start of summer vacation. We will be having a pizza party and potluck along with outdoor fun and games. Be prepared to get wet! Please sign up by June 28 at the Minden OEYC 286-1770.

• **July 1: Wilberforce Ball Hockey at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena** – All ages welcome, will be running every Thursday until Labour Day Weekend. From 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Please bring your own sticks, cost is \$5.00 each. For more information please call Karen Hutt 448-2814 or 448-2822.

• **July 3: Strawberry Supper at the Galway Hall** – Join us from 4:30 – 7:00 pm as we are serving fresh salads, cold meats and fresh strawberries. The Galway Hall is located on Galway Road south of Kinmount off the County Road 121.

• **July 3: Dorset Community Fireworks at dusk in Big Trading Bay at Dorset** – Rain date is Sunday, July 4.

• **July 3: Visit Gooderham Branch and the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library to meet and talk with local authors** – View their display of books to purchase and partake of the refreshments. Author's day starts out at the Gooderham Branch at 1032 Gooderham Street from 10 am to 12 pm and continues at the Dysart Branch at 78 Maple Avenue in Haliburton from 2-4 pm. For more information, contact Marilyn Billings at 447-3163 or 447-2569.

• **July 5: Grief Group** – If you are experiencing problems coping with a loss, there is help here in Haliburton County. Our group runs for 4 or 5 weeks on Mondays from 2 – 4 pm. The group will meet in the lower room of Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St, Minden. Please use the lower level entrance to the building. For more information call 286-1237

• **July 5: Catch the VIBE – Give your child (children) an opportunity to learn about the Bible for FREE.** "Catch the V.I.B.E." (Venturing In Biblical Experiences) A fun and inspirational summer camp at Haliburton United Church, a half-day, one-week program. Ages 4 – 12, July 5 - July 9, am until 12 noon. Trained skilled leadership, Solid teaching based on the Bible Presented through drama, crafts, stories and music, and games. Haliburton United Church. 10 George St. George and Pine. 457-1891 or hpcharge.wordpress.com or hucark@gmail.com

Haliburton County FARMERS' MARKET Visit us FRIDAY afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00.

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Buy fresh, local produce and browse our selection of fresh baked breads, jams, preserves, baked goods, and artisan crafts. Open until Sept. 10. For more information call 457-9843.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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A gathering for family and friends will be happening on July 11, 2010 at the Minden Curling Club, 50 Prentice St. from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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CLARKE, William Ronald (Bill) - Passed away peacefully on Friday, June 25, 2010 while resting at home in Minden, at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Nancy, father to Bill (Sherrie), Bob (Sophie) and grandfather to Andrea, Ryan, Cassidy and Lexi. Brother-in-law to Betty Spurrell (Lorne - deceased), uncle to Shirley, David, Linda (Paul), Ashleigh, and Marshall. Predeceased by his mother Pear and by his brother Garry. Born and raised in Mimico and was a long term employee at Canadian General Tower. In the early 80's great friend Audrey Kennett introduced Nancy and Bill to Kushog Lake, leaving the city lights for the land and lakes of the Highlands. Special friends who spent many days enjoying the lake with; Janet and Paul, Diane and Ron, Bev and Brian, Beth and Bill and the Nichols family. Bill never went far without his four legged friend Gus. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate Bill's Life will be held in the chapel at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 1:00 pm. Cremation will follow. A reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden (Hwy #35 N and County Rd #21). Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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DIXON, Grace - Passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side at Spruce Lodge, Stratford on May 12, 2010 in her 88th yr. Beloved wife of the late Alfred Turton (1971) and the late Harold Dixon (1992). Dear mother of Diane Forbes (Doug) and Dale Lawrance-Turton (Dawn). Grandmother of Bryan and Jennifer. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family having been predeceased by her siblings, Hazel, Ella, Mary, Bill, George and Sam. Grace was a resident of the Minden area (Canning Lake, N. Water Street, Hunter Creek Estates) for many years and was actively involved in the community she loved. Cremation has already taken place. There will be a celebration of Grace's life on Sat. July 3, 2010 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hwy 35 in Minden from 1- 4pm. For those who wish, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

REDGRAVE, William Todd - (An angel has been called home). In his 34th year. Feb. 18, 1977 - June 22, 2010. Beloved son of the late Margaret and William Redgrave. Adoring father and friend to Andrew Redgrave, special friend of Michelle Redgrave and step-father of Tyrell, Justin and Nehemia. Loving brother of Allison and half brother to Michelle, Karen, Yvonne, and Warren. Best friend of Andrew Sisson. Special family member of the Wilsons: Stan and Carol, Spike and Sandra, Terry and Dawn, Paul and Tammy, Trevor and Liz, Kenny, Kerry and Rob, Cory, Kelly and Destiny, Paul and Margo Sisson, Dennis and Tina Willison, Frank and Judy Spahich. Todd is loved by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and by many friends. It was Todd's wish for cremation and no service. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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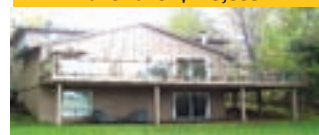
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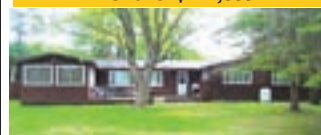
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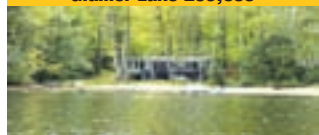
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Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128 x 27

Long Lake \$495,000



Newly constructed cottage/home. Features include open concept vaulted ceilings, tile & peg ranch plank floors, walk out to massive covered porch, full finished basement with radiant floor heating.

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23

Waterfront Estate \$1,500,000



Ultimate privacy plus 300' on St. Nora Lake & 72 acres of hardwood bush. 3 Bedroom home featuring open concept, cathedral ceilings country kitchen & central vac.

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Black Lake \$749,999



Pine post & beam cottage features pine floors and over 200 feet of waterfront with sunset exposure all on a 3 lake chain.

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Kashagawigamog Lake \$639,000



Marvellous home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor family room, main floor laundry, huge deck lakeside and detached triple car garage with workshop area. 5 Lake Chain & superb view!

Derrell and Kim Stamp - 457-2128 x 24

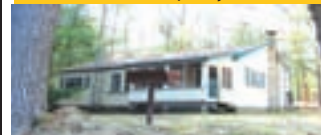
Minden's Gull River



250 feet. Classic Cottage with Self-Contained bunkie \$225,000 200 feet. Level Building Lot, short boat ride to town or Gull Lake \$123,000 In Town Duplex, 3 bedrooms with separate studio apartment \$205,000

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

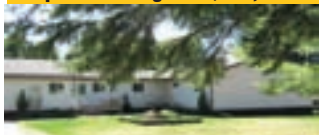
Gull River \$179,000



Nice lot with lots of pines. 3 bedroom summer cottage with large dock, sandy shoreline, on a 3 lake chain.

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

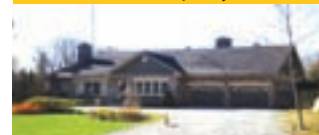
Spacious Bungalow \$147,000



This spacious three bedroom, two bath bungalow is within walking distance to stores and restaurants. Great for first-time buyers, retirees or families. Priced to sell!

Tom Gardner 286-2138 x 30

Haliburton \$349,000



Country home + studio/workshop + deeded access to Lake Kashagawigamog. 3 BR, 3 baths, heated slate floors, w/o bsmt w/guest quarters; dbl att'd garage, spectacular grounds, 3+ acres, outstanding patio area.

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Great Building Lot \$41,900



Great 2.4 acre building lot. Close to town. Driveway in. Cleared area ready for your new home. Hydro already on the property. Beautiful reforested pines.

John Hincks 286-2138 x 50

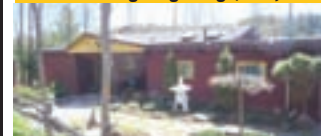
Picturesque Residential Home \$197,900



Private 1.3 acre lot with 2000 sq. ft. home close to Haliburton offers unique custom finishings including antique wood floors, kitchen & bar, newly renovated bathrooms & large bedrooms with desk areas. Nice neighbourhood & wonderful lot!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Lake Kashagawigamog \$529,000



Live or cottage year-round in this large cozy home built to take in the gorgeous big lake views; southern exp., deep water off dock; wet slip boathouse; beautiful stonework & landscaping. Don't wait...

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Long Lake \$469,900



Spacious custom-built cottage with MF master with private balcony, twin lofts, open-concept LR and kitchen. 120' ftg. Good privacy, year round road.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

Downtown Minden Home \$249,000



4 BR century home features many high end upgrades. Attached "Carriage House" would make an ideal studio. Steps from shops & the Gull River.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Make Dorset Your Home \$238,900



Family home on 9 acres. Trails on the property, walk to the Dorset tower, Public Beach and boat ramp just minutes away on Lake of Bays, and Algonquin Park a few kilometres away.

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Deborah Deremo**
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